

North West Dementia Network [NWDN] Activities Report Fall 2012-Fall 2013

NWDN Strategic Priorities	Activities	Completion Dates
Identify assets and gaps across the continuum of dementia care in the North West Local Health Integration Network [NW LHIN]	A student in the Master of Public Health Program, Michael Schroder, worked on compiling a list of services and organizations across the NW LHIN. This compilation will be ongoing.	Ongoing
Focus on education opportunities, both formal and informal, for health and social service providers, educators, researchers, and persons living with and impacted by dementia	We hosted a Dialogue Education Workshop with Kathy Hickman (Alzheimer Society of Ontario) on April 29-30, with 14 participants attending. This course provided a rich learning environment with opportunities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen understanding of adult learning principles • Practice using Dialogue Education™ principles, including facilitation skills • Develop skills in assessing and understanding learner needs 	April 2013
	We hosted a Behavioural Supports Ontario Information Session with Tanya Shute (SJCG), Sarah Pudney-Gillen (ASTB), and Gerri Yerxa and Lori Russell (CMHA-FF) on Monday June 3, 2013.	June 2013
	Panel Presentation “Challenging the Stigma of Living with Dementia” on September 17	September 2013
Support advocacy and awareness activities	We hosted a planning afternoon in September 2012 to decide on the direction of the NWDN, inviting David Harvey from the Alzheimer Society of Ontario to participate with us and share the provincial vision. A steering committee was developed for a tenure of 2 years. Terms of reference were drafted, approved, and circulated to the network.	September 2012
	Website domain is purchased (www.northwestdementianetwork.ca). Website should be operational in early 2014.	June 2013 and ongoing
	Facebook page for the North West Dementia Network was set up	September 2013
	Panel Presentation “Challenging the Stigma of Living with Dementia” on September 17	September 2013
	Excellence in Dementia award has been set up, and the first recipient	September 2013

	will be announced in September 2013.	
Support and collaborate with the NWLHIN and other strategic initiatives	In supporting the Behavioural Supports Ontario initiative, we held an information session as mentioned earlier on June 3, 2013.	June 2013

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Identify assets and gaps across the continuum of dementia care in the North West LHIN	This compilation will be ongoing.	Ongoing
	Dr. Elaine Wiersma and Dr. Pauline Sameshima (CERAH, Lakehead University) and Dr. Sherry Dupuis (University of Waterloo), along with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, will be working on a “Dementia Roadmap”, mapping out the experiences of dementia. This will provide useful information and a baseline framework to identify assets and gaps in northwestern Ontario.	Summer 2014
Focus on education opportunities, both formal and informal, for health and social service providers, educators, researchers, and persons living with and impacted by dementia	Speaker series will be held twice a year—winter and spring	Winter and Spring 2014
	Website page for educational opportunities available in the region to be widely advertised	Winter 2014
	Speaker and annual general meeting will be held annually in September	September 2013 and September 2014
Support advocacy and awareness activities	Have website operational in early 2014	Winter 2014
	Excellence in Dementia award (ongoing every September)	September 2014
	Exploring opportunities for a “stakeholder” group of people living with dementia and care partners for consultation	September 2014
Support and collaborate with the NWLHIN and other strategic initiatives	Exploring the ideas of dementia-friendly communities	Winter 2014

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