Regional Perinatal Services Project
Bulletin #2 – October 1st, 2002

Purpose - To ensure access to appropriate perinatal services throughout Southwestern Ontario.

Goal - To identify viable and practical strategies to ensure on-going access to appropriate perinatal care throughout the region, using a collaborative partnership approach.

Revised Project Workplan and Progress to Date

The following steps have been developed to guide the work that will be undertaken.

Pre-Phase Work - Finalize composition of Coordinating Committee to ensure appropriate regional representation.
*Completed*

Phase 1 - Introduce Proposed Initiative to Stakeholders
Letter sent to all hospitals, CCACs and Public Health Units in the region advising them of proposed initiative. Presentations at Regional Perinatal Nurse Manager meetings.
*Completed*

Phase 2 - Survey and Data Gathering
Collection of data and information by Task Group Coordinator(s)
Personal interviews have been undertaken with perinatal and related services by staff of the Regional Perinatal Outreach Program using a standardized interview tool. Interviews have involved each of 26 centers currently providing perinatal and related services in SWO.
*Completed*

During this phase there will also be information/opinion gathering from patients and families and collection of relevant demographic and trend information.
*Under active development*

Phase 3 - Development of Inventory and Issues Report
Consolidation of all data and interview responses collected in Phase 2. An inventory and issues report will be prepared and will contain all data and information collected.
*Under active development*

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Phase 4 - Validity Check with Stakeholders
Stakeholders interviewed to review and validate information collected (Phase 3)
*To be completed October 2002*

Phase 5 - Analysis of Findings
Four geographic-based stakeholder Task Groups (Grey-Bruce, Huron-Perth, Thames Valley and Essex, Kent, Lambton) will be brought together to review statistical data and interview findings. Each group will be asked to develop strategies to address immediate issues, discuss sustainability issues, cost implications, recommendations, and next steps
*To be completed January 2003*

Phase 6 – Consultation Process & Presentation of draft report
Consultations with stakeholders outside of the Task Group participants will take place to get feedback on draft recommendations and directions developed.
*To be completed February 2003*

Phase 7 – Approval / Presentation Process
Implementation plan based on consultations (to include resource needs and impact analysis) to be undertaken. Presentation of report and recommendations to management, medical staff, hospital boards for review and endorsement.
*To be completed April 2003*

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