Evidence on Tap

Best Brains Exchange

Community- Based Service Models for Seniors

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Objective:

To produce high-quality, timely, and accessible evidence that is of immediate interest and use to senior government policy makers.

Two Programs:
1. Expedited Knowledge Synthesis of the research literature
2. Best Brains Exchange
Best Brains Exchange

- In-camera discussions (Chatham House Rules)
- Researchers summarize the relevant evidence and suggest what it implies about possible policy directions
- Researchers and decision makers discuss the implications of the research
Past Best Brains Exchanges (examples)

Provincial/Territorial
1. Health System Renewal in Atlantic Canada
2. Improving Access to Healthcare in Rural and Remote Regions
3. Managing the Surgical Experience (Wait Times)
4. Managing System Change in Chronic Disease Management in PHC
5. Performance Measurement in the Health Care Sector
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7. Health System Enhancements to Improve Transfers for Care
8. Primary Care

Federal
1. Understanding the Role of Social Determinants of Health on First Nations and Opportunities for Collaboration through a focus on Obesity
2. Health science and research in Canada's Arctic: Building on the evidence base
3. Urban and Northern Aboriginal Children’s Mental Health and Well-being: What are the challenges and how are existing policy levers at different levels currently addressing them?
Our goal for today:

To support the work of senior policy makers in Newfoundland and Labrador by providing an overview of the evidence related to community-based service models for seniors.
Objectives:

1. To discuss the evidence related to key features of successful models of integrated care needed for delivering services to support the health and quality of life of older adults (65+) in NL with complex health conditions living in the community.

2. To review key considerations, based on the evidence, with regard to the organization, administration, staffing and financing of models of integrated care.
10 key questions were generated for discussion:

- Geographical considerations: urban, rural and remote
- Key features of models
- Health human resource considerations
  - Professional & non-professional
- Key players (health and social services)
- Access to services
- Challenges & Solutions
- Communications, reporting, and accountability
- Potential cost drivers and cost savers
Speakers

**Dr. Howard Bergman** - Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Professor of Family Medicine, Medicine, and Oncology, The Dr. Joseph Kaufmann Professor of Geriatric Medicine, McGill University

**Dr. Margaret MacAdam** - Associate Professor, University of Toronto. Senior Fellow, Canadian Health Policy Network. President, The Age Advantage, Inc.

**Dr. Janice Keefe** - Professor and Director, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging Lena Isabel Jodrey Chair in Gerontology

**Dr. Esther Suter** - Director, Workforce Research & Evaluation Alberta Health Services
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The ‘Rules’:

• Chatham House Rule applies

• There are no bad questions
• Complete the evaluations (*please*)
Points to Ponder

Taking into consideration the evidence presented this morning:

1. What policies/programs/services presently exist in NL that can be optimized in moving towards effective community-based service models for seniors?

2. Where are the remaining gaps and associated challenges in moving forward?
Enjoy the day!
Speak your mind!
Thank you for participating!
Integrated Care

A concept bringing together inputs, delivery, management and organization of services related to diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation and health promotion.

Integration is a means to improve the services in relation to access, quality, user satisfaction and efficiency.