

## **Appendix 1. *Background on Palliative Care in the Central West LHIN***

### **The Vision for Palliative Care in Central West LHIN**

The vision for palliative care in Central West LHIN is to establish an approach to advanced care planning appropriate for all caregivers, increase the number of caregivers in community and health services who complete training in Advanced Care Planning (ACP), promote early identification of palliative patients, increase the number of providers who have integrated this approach into their services, and integrate palliative care services across multiple settings.

Too often, health care services for palliative patients can be fragmented, uncoordinated and unevenly distributed across the region. Our goal for residents in each of our five sub-regions is:

- A better coordinated healthcare system
- Value for Money – maximizing dollars in our system
- Fostering partnerships through the breaking down of silos
- Seamless transitions
- Quality Care
- Positive patient experience

Across the Central West LHIN, the overall vision is to enhance the connection and communication across our network of providers, broaden knowledge of advance care planning across service settings to drive more effective and more appropriate delivery of palliative care services.

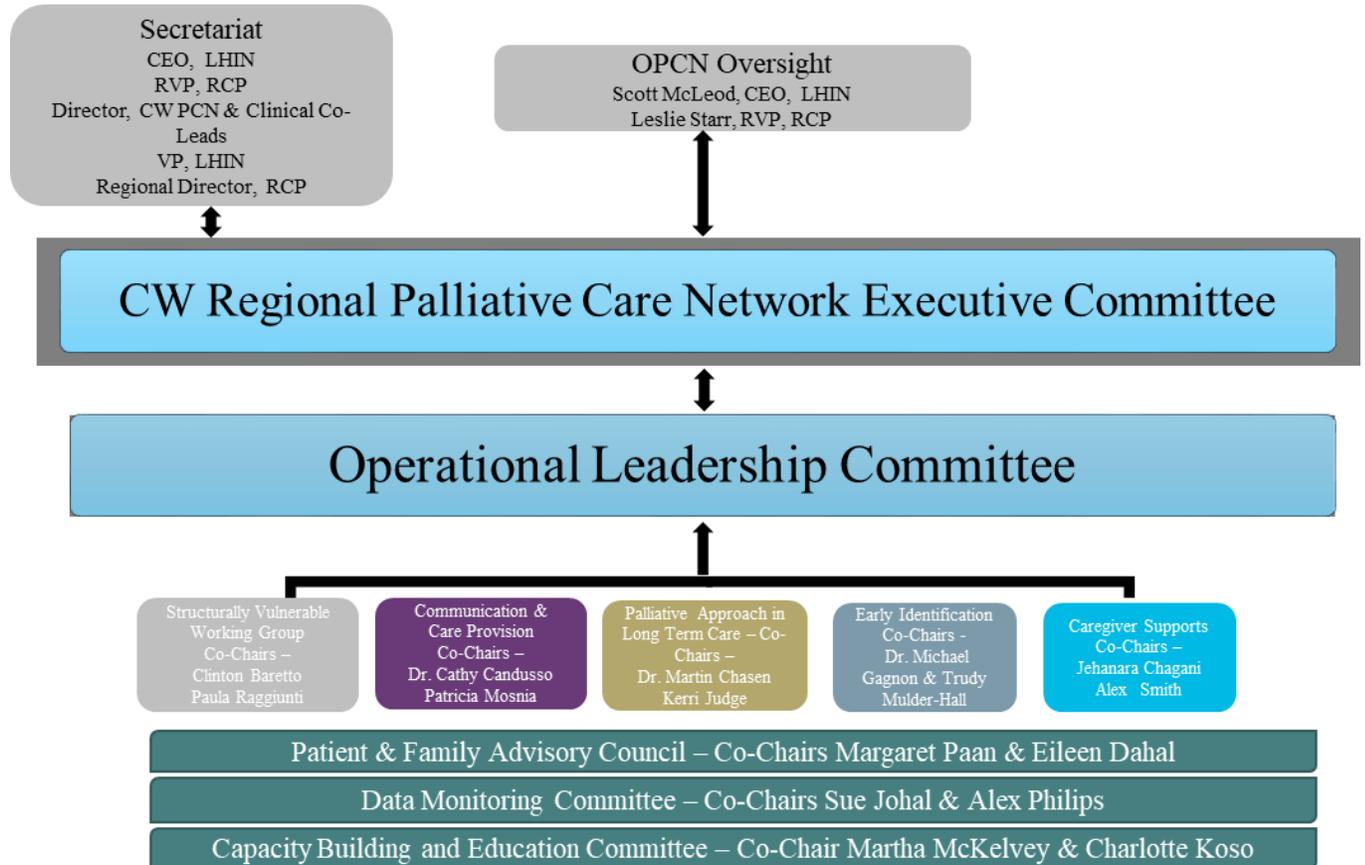
### **Central West LHIN Palliative Care Network**

Central West LHIN Palliative Care Network is dedicated to a hospice palliative care system within the Central West region and is committed to putting patients and their family at the centre of every decision, regardless of age or illness.

CW PCN is a partnership of hospices, home and community care, hospitals, long term care homes and others committed to providing leadership to ensure comprehensive and high-quality palliative care services in the region.

The governance structure of the Network is shown on the next page. It highlights oversight of the Network as well as its work groups.

## Governance Structure:



## Ontario Palliative Care Network (Action Plan 1: 2017 to 2020)



In March 2016, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) announced the creation of the Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN). This initiative aligns with the Ministry’s strategy to prioritize greater patient choice in hospice palliative and end-of-life care as highlighted in its Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care.

The OPCN is an organized partnership of community stakeholders, health service providers and health systems planners working together to develop a coordinated, standardized approach for delivering hospice palliative care services in the province.

The Ontario Palliative Care Network Action Plan 1: (2017 – 2020) is the work plan that guides how the partners of the Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN) will work together to improve availability of, and ease of access to, equitable, high-quality, sustainable palliative care services for all Ontarians. It presents a way forward for palliative care services in Ontario and promotes collaboration and standardization across the regions.

Through the 38 actions identified in the 2017/20 Plan, the OPCN aims to move towards a system that will:

- Empower patients to identify their goals, access services, and manage their care.
- Help patients, their loved ones and care providers understand the benefits of palliative care, healthcare consent, and advance care planning.
- Enable patients and caregivers to have access to information about the palliative care services they need.
- Allow healthcare providers to have the information they need to engage their patients in a dialogue about palliative care and know how to connect them to the services they need and want.
- Ensure that there is meaningful progress towards improving access and strengthening hospice palliative care in the province.
- Through a dedicated engagement plan with First Nations, Inuit and Métis, identify gaps in palliative care and develop recommendations that will inform future annual work plans.
- Continue to strengthen local engagement with Francophone communities in the planning, design, delivery and evaluation of services to meet care needs.