

Request for Decision

Community Paramedicine Program Evaluation

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Resolution

WHEREAS presented at the October 3, 2016 Emergency Services Committee, the Greater Sudbury Care Transitions Community Paramedicine (CTCP) program is shown to be highly cost effective for the system, reducing the total cost per care per patient by 50%;

AND WHEREAS, the program has provided statistically significant reductions in the number of admissions and hospital bed days at three, six, and twelve months;

AND WHEREAS, statistically significant reduction in emergency department use in the three-month intervention period of the program demonstrating that through appropriate community-based intervention total health system costs can be reduced and more appropriate patient care provided;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Greater Sudbury has demonstrated its ongoing support of the CTCP program providing in-kind services (vehicles, medical supplies, administrative support and managerial oversight) required to deliver the program;

AND WHEREAS, the current Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) funding for direct delivery costs (paramedic salary and benefits, training, wages, continuing medical education, physician oversight, and communications) will cease on March 31, 2017;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Greater Sudbury will only continue to operate the CTCP program if funding can be secured for direct delivery costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services to continue to lobby the Provincial government and agencies for sustained funding of the Care Transitions Community Paramedicine program.

Background

The Care Transitions Community Paramedicine Program is a pilot study funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC). This program is a partnership between Greater Sudbury Paramedic

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Services, Health Sciences North (HSN) and the North East Community Care Access Centre. The goal of the program is to improve the management and coordination of complex high-risk patients with chronic disease who have been discharged from HSN to reduce Emergency Department visits and readmissions. The pilot program commenced mid-January 2015 and is funded until March 31, 2017.

In February 2016, Greater Sudbury Paramedic Services and HSN met to discuss program evaluation to determine effectiveness and efficiency. The HSN Improving Transitions: Evaluation of the Greater Sudbury Care Transitions Community Paramedicine Program presentation provides an overview of the program and results of the evaluation.