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New MOHLTC/LHIN Joint Review Framework for Early Capital Planning Stages Now in Effect

November 2010 – There is a new Joint Review Framework for early capital planning released by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and LHINs. Under this Framework, LHINs play a critical role in advising on, and endorsing, the program and service elements of all capital projects in the early capital planning stages.

The new Joint Review Framework has been developed to fulfill provisions of the Ministry/LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA) which requires local needs and LHIN advice to be considered in the review of capital planning submissions. It will place an emphasis on local health system needs as the primary driver for capital initiatives. The new Framework was endorsed by Ministry Management Committee and LHIN CEOs in December 2009.

“The new Joint Review Framework places greater emphasis on local planning and ensures capital projects align with community needs,” says Michael Barrett, CEO of the South West LHIN and co-chair of the MOHLTC-LHIN Capital Working Group. “The framework will improve planning and integration at the local level in order to improve health results for patients, clients and residents in every part of the province.”

The Framework was developed by the MOHLTC/LHIN Capital Working Group in consultation with stakeholders. The Capital Working Group will continue to work with and support stakeholders as they implement and apply the new Framework.

“I am pleased with the outcome of this process. The new Joint Review Framework is consistent with the requirements of the Ministry LHIN Accountability Agreement (2007) which recognizes that LHINs and the ministry should work together to ensure that projects that best reflect the reality of a community’s health needs and priorities, move forward,” says Meryl Hodnett, a Manager with the MOHLTC Health Capital Investment Branch and co-chair of the MOHLTC/LHIN Capital Working Group.

Quick Facts

- The new Joint Review Framework applies to Pre-Capital, Stage I Proposal and Stage II Functional Program capital submissions.

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- While the underlying capital planning process has not changed, the early planning stages have been adapted to ensure LHIN advice.
- The new Framework now separates existing submission components into two parts: Part A: Program and Service elements; and Part B: Physical and Cost elements.
- The Joint Review Framework applies to all health service providers eligible under the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's health capital program including:
 - Public hospitals (including own funds projects as per legislation);
 - Community Health Centres;
 - Community-based mental health programs;
 - Community-based substance abuse programs, and;
 - Long-Term Care Supportive Housing providers (typically supporting programs for frail elderly, acquired brain injury, physically disabled and HIV/AIDS)

Note: The Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy is undertaken through a Call for Applications and involves LHIN review and recommendations regarding applications.

For more information, contact your Local Health Integration Network.