

North East LHIN Funds Palliative Care Training for Primary Care Providers in Sudbury, Timmins, and Temiskaming



City of Lakes Family Health Team (FHT) members spent the past weekend Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP). Participants included: physicians, nurse practitioners, and social workers as well as NE CCAC nurses who work alongside the other FHT members.

February 2, 2017 -- City of Lakes Family Health Team primary care providers spent this past weekend learning about resources and new ways to care for patients who are at the end of their life.

The *Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care* (LEAP) course was made possible through North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) funding.

“For many palliative patients, their primary care provider is their entry point to receiving information, referrals, and advice on chronic disease management, hospice services and end-of-life care,” explained Lianne Valiquette, the North East Regional Hospice Palliative Care Coordinator, with the NE LHIN. “We know that for many palliative patients, the care process may involve different partners and require different conversations, including Advance Care Planning.”

The LEAP course increases knowledge and awareness of primary care providers for palliative clients with complex needs. Participants will improve the palliative care that they provide, get to know palliative care resources in their local community, and maintain certification through continuing education credits.

Two upcoming training weekends have been scheduled for primary care providers who are part of Family Health Teams in Timmins and Temiskaming.

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