

Sharing Together - Engaging with CAMH

February 9, 2017 --Shana Calixte, Mental Health and Addictions Officer with the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) provided opening remarks at an engagement organized by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's (CAMH) Provincial System Support Program earlier this week to help identify evidence-based priorities for mental health, substance use, and addictions across the province.

"The NE LHIN is excited to join in this conversation as we come together to map out an evidence-based framework to help improve mental health and addictions care," said Calixte. "These in-person sessions are very valuable in identifying evidence needs across our province. We know there is great work being done out there, but often we don't have the data to back up the work we are doing."

The event drew about 40 people from across the North East including researchers, clinicians, decision-makers, service providers, system planners, policymakers, persons with lived experience, and family members.

Sharing Together is a series of in-person dialogues held across Ontario (Barrie, Toronto, Thunder Bay, London, Ottawa and Sudbury), where stakeholders discuss their evidence needs. The goal is to identify and prioritize evidence needs in the areas of promotion, prevention, early identification, treatment and recovery. In Sudbury, three priorities were identified: access, harm reduction and integrated health care delivery.

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Shana Calixte (above) and participants of the Sharing Together event hosted by CAMH below.

