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Consulting Firm Hired to Prepare Discussion Paper

October's Capital Working Group bulletin summarized the work of the MOHLTC/LHIN Capital Working Group to link program and service planning with the capital planning process.

In December 2008, following a thorough RFP process, the MOHLTC/LHIN Capital Working Group engaged the services of PRISM Partners Inc. to assist with this work. Based on the deliberations and materials developed by the Capital Working Group, PRISM will propose tools, processes, and communication strategies that delineate how the ministry and LHINs will work in partnership for the identification, development and implementation of capital projects in the health care field.

PRISM has been asked to develop proposed protocols and processes to:

- Coordinate approvals for service reconfigurations or expansions by health service providers that may require capital projects;
- Enable the LHINs to review and provide endorsement at the Board level about the consistency of a health service provider's capital initiative with local health system needs;
- Align capital review guidelines with general guidelines for LHIN services planning;

- Develop formal mechanisms for LHINs to assume their roles with respect to devolving pre-capital planning as well as the review of program and service delivery at the Master Program and Functional Program Stages (e.g. program and service projections, volumes, support services, staffing, and models of care);
- Recommend how ongoing communications will be managed.

Discussion Paper

PRISM will provide the MOHLTC/LHIN Capital Working Group with a discussion document that builds on the Group's work and provides principles and guidelines for a joint MOHLTC/LHIN capital planning process. The key principle is that capital planning will follow from program and service planning.

Stakeholder consultations will take place to review the draft discussion paper. These consultations will include the LHINs, and both hospital and community sector representatives.

PRISM will establish a consultation schedule for the consultations to take place during March. The results of these consultations will inform the final document, which is targeted for completion in early April. This discussion paper will then be presented to both the LHIN CEOs / Ministry Management Committee (MMC) for endorsement prior to broader release.

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