N'MINGVAA **COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

CREATOR'S CARE – AN ANISHINAABE PALLIATIVE APPROACH

Background and Purpose

The purpose of Creator's Care is to create a shared vision of a coordinated system of hospice palliative care and end-of-life care within the North Shore Tribal Council member First Nation communities, for individuals with a life-limiting illness and their caregivers and families.

All communities have access to culturally sensitive, collaborative, person-centered care which respects client wishes, and supports families through this stage of life's journey.

Process of palliative care development, implementation and evaluation

- O The First Nations proposed a process of examining palliative care in communities, identified gaps in services, and to seek guidance of the Elders Advisory Council.
- The First Nation Home and Community Care Program would benefit by implementing a palliative approach to home care at all stages of illness, including but not limited to end-of-life.
- The community based program will be reflective of the traditional values and customs of the community.
- This process was guided by the Improving End-of-Life Care in First Nations Communities Research Team, Lakehead University (2015), Developing Palliative Care Programs in First Nations Communities: A Workbook, Version 1, Retrieved from www.eolfn.lakeheadu.ca

2015 Value Stream Map

ealth Canada Reg or Funding (Reco

2016

Strategic Planning Session I

Kitchen Table

community engagemer held with the 7 First Nation communities)

Senior PAC (Established the Senior Patient Advisory *Council*)

Moving Forward (Maa Community Support Services Strategic Planning Exercise to create a vision for palliative care and end-of-life care service

2017

CARING In

KEAMILIES

UN CAREGINERS

Strategic Session

Training (St. Elizabeth Caregiver Education and Training)

RESOURCES Cothand STRUTTS

EDUCATION

2018

Training (Lakehead University, Palliative Care for Front-line Workers in First Nations Communities)



Service Delivery



Training (Pallium LEAP – Learning **Essential Approaches** in Palliative Care)

our GOALS

TEAMS SERVICES

Education and Training (Personal Support Worker Certificate. Partnersh Niigaaniin, Sault College and Maamwesying)

SERVICE

DELINERY

MODEL

2019 Improvement Project

(CAPACITI Community Access to PAlliative Care via Interprofessional Primary Care Teams)

Quality Improvement Project (IDEAS – Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors, Health Care Provider conversation in Advance Care Planning)

lision

Journey of a **NEW BEGINNING** where comfort is based on individual spiritual preferences and practices. Support and knowledge is provided and/or given to all... family, friends, community members of all ages and a health care team in a client preferred environment (home, hospice, hospital, community healing lodge or sacred ceremonial location). There is comfort in knowing that **NO ONE IS ALONE**.

OUR ISIGN FOR

WE WILL STAND BESIDE YOU IN YOUR TIME of HARDSHIP

Kahwiidga Bahwe Tengo pin snuck toe wuk

CREATOR'S CARE



Keywords: Hospice, Palliative and End-of-Life

Conclusions and **Discussion**

Designated palliative care funding would ensure service delivery for the Creator's Care.

Acknowledgements

- Mamaweswen North Shore Tribal Council Member First Nation Communities
- Senior Patient Advisory Council
- Dr. Sharon Buehner



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Inc. Edith Mercieca, Director of Community Support Services N'Mninoeyaa Aboriginal Health Access Centre 473B Highway 17 West, Cutler, ON POP 1B0 Tel: 705-844-2021 Email: edith.mercieca@nmninoeyaa.ca www.maamwesying.ca