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To: NSM Health Service Partners
From: Carol Lambie, Co-Chair Seniors Health Project Team
Neil Walker, Co-Chair Seniors Health Project Team
Date: December 22, 2016
Re: **NSM Specialized Geriatric Services Program Clinical Design Report & Recommendations**

In March 2016 the NSM Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, the lead agency for the NSM Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS) Program, established a Working Group to develop a final report and recommendations related to the clinical design of the new NSM SGS Program. On behalf of the Seniors Health Project Team, we are pleased to inform you that the *Clinical Design Report & Recommendations* document is complete!

Seniors Services is a key area of focus within the LHIN's strategic priorities. The completion of this document aligns with the NSM LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan. It advances the goal to "Build Capacity and Enhance Coordination" as it begins to establish the infrastructure to improve care for seniors and older adults. In addition to advancing the seniors agenda, this work is significant for the NSM region as it is one of the first major projects related to system re-design and integration.

For those interested, a summary of the *Clinical Design Report & Recommendations* document is attached. A full version of the document is available on both the NSM LHIN and Waypoint websites. Please feel free to distribute this information to interested providers. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Easson-Bruno, Director of the NSM SGS Program, at seasson-bruno@nsmsgs.ca .

We would like to thank all the organizations and health service providers that supported the completion of the document. With the document now complete, the NSM SGS Program is beginning to implement the design. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you as valued partners on this important initiative and we will strive to keep you up to date on our progress as we move forward with implementation.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Clinical Design Report Summary