

TECHNICAL PROGRESS

On July 30, 2012, Mohawk eHealth Development and Innovation Centre (MEDIC) began working as a consultant for the Physicians Data Collaborative (PDC) to assist in the design of our technical infrastructure.

The technical team's progress to date includes:

- a detailed literature review and environmental scan on initiatives similar or relevant to the PDC
- numerous key informant interviews
- a draft high level system design
- a road map for PDC activities up to the end of MEDIC's contract and beyond

MEDIC's contract with the PDC will continue until October 19, 2012. By that time, we expect to be able to share a detailed report including a requirements specification, a design and architecture specification, and an implementation plan. This report will provide the PDC with the information we need to proceed with software development, and we plan to complete a functioning proof of concept by early 2013.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

A critical element of effective design is having a clear understanding of our users' needs. To gain insight into your division's needs and expectations, we would greatly value having a representative from your board speak with our consultant. Please contact Claire Doherty, the PDC Coordinator, to schedule a meeting time: claire.elizabeth.doherty@gmail.com

PDC BOARD MEMBER CHAMPIONS CMA MOTION

A core element of being a self-regulating profession is that physicians take responsibility for quality improvement. The PDC believes that practicing physician owned and managed data infrastructure is the optimal vehicle to support physician-led quality improvement activities. In support of this principle, PDC board member Shirley Sze championed this motion, which was passed by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) at its annual general meeting in August: "The CMA supports the development of an infrastructure to facilitate physicians' objective self-assessment that is physician developed, owned and managed."

For the rationale behind this motion, please click on this link <http://policybase.cma.ca/dbtw-wpd/Policypdf/PD12-04.pdf> to the recent CMA Policy Paper on "The Evolving Professional Relationship between Canadian Physicians and our Healthcare System", and especially note the CMA Recommendations for Continuous Quality Improvement on page 11.

PDC WEBSITE SOON TO GO LIVE

The PDC is aiming to have its website go live by early October 2012. The website will include a forum where representatives of divisions that are members of the PDC will be able to share ideas, and help to collaboratively define the future of the PDC.

Sincerely,

The PDC Board of Directors

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