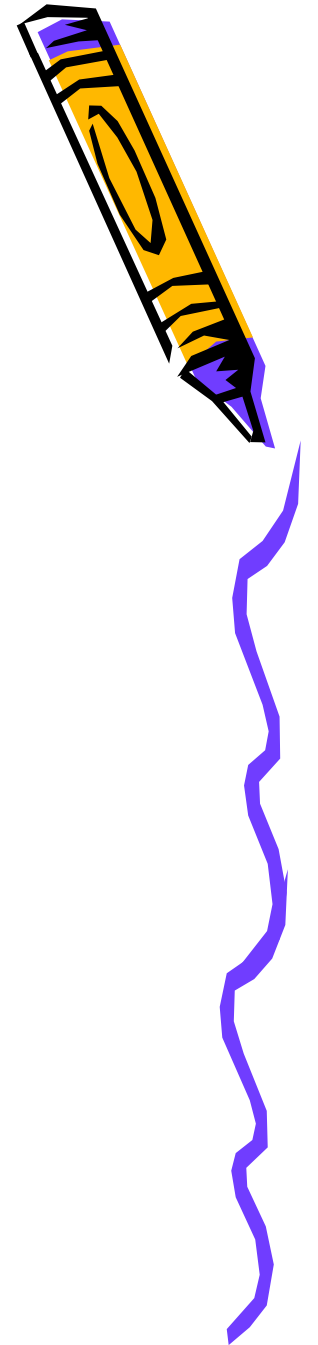


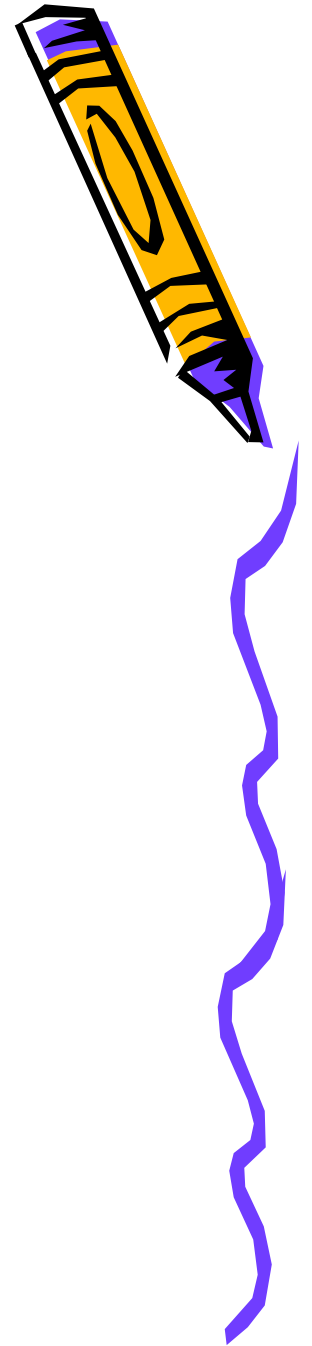
Provincial
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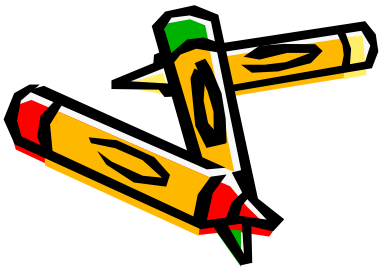
The Changing Face of Paediatrics in Ontario

CAPHC Annual Meeting
Edmonton
October 21st, 2008



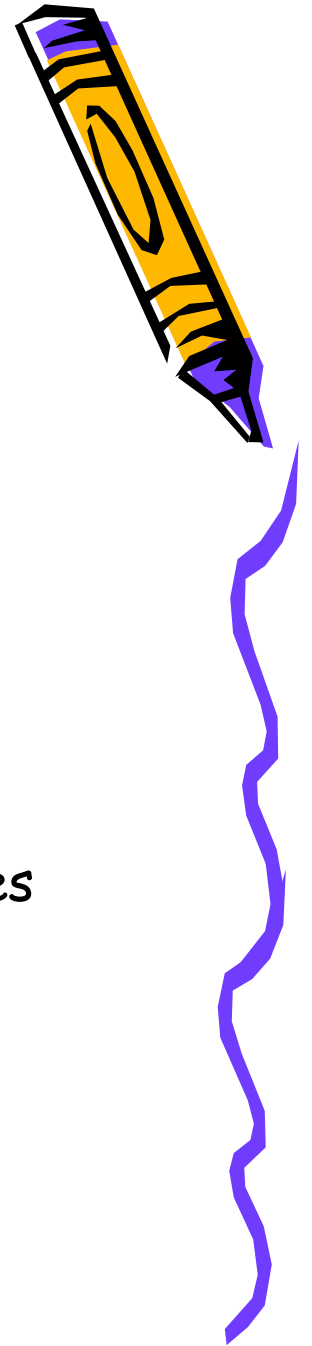
History of Collaboration as a Paediatric System

- Two groups convened by the MOHLTC focused on rationalization of low volume, highly specialized services (Late 1990s-early 2000s)
- Specialized Paediatric Coordinating Council -SPCC (2002-2006)
- Ontario Children's Health Network - OCHN (2003-2006)



Examples of Accomplishments

- Paediatric surgery (wait times)
- Newborn screening response services
- Telepsychiatry service expansion
- Paediatric Critical Care bed increases
- Annual Benchmarking Report
- Level III NICU capacity review
- Cardiac and Critical Care Best Practice Guidelines
- PACS - \$15m investment
- 18 month initiative

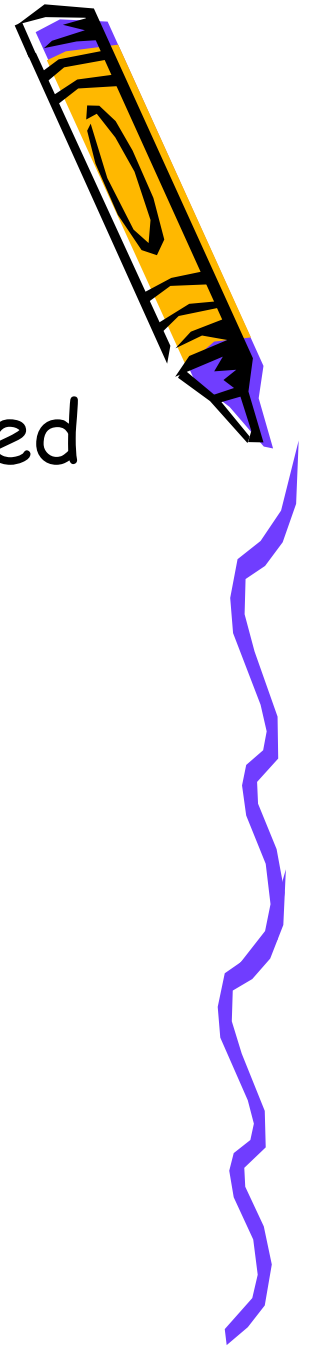


Provincial Council for Children's Health (PCCH)

In December, 2006 PCCH was created
as the result of the merger of :

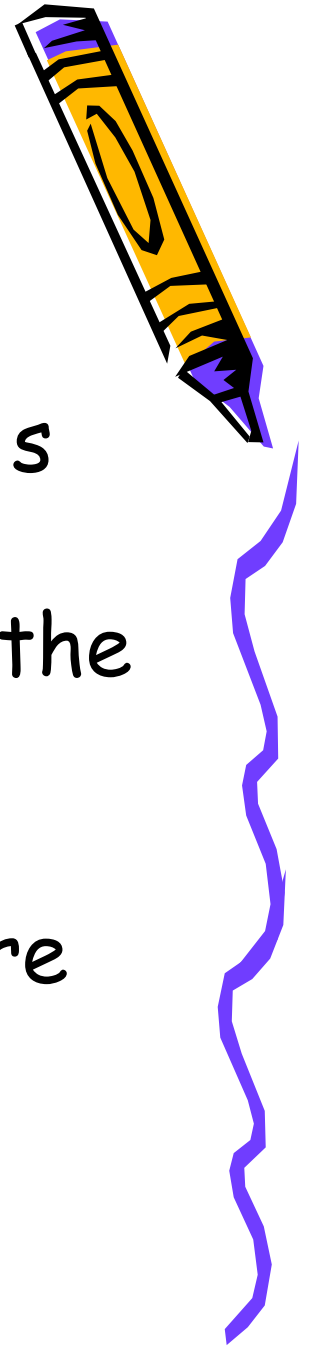
- The Specialized Paediatric
Coordinating Council
- The Ontario Children's Health
Network

PCCH is building on the strengths and
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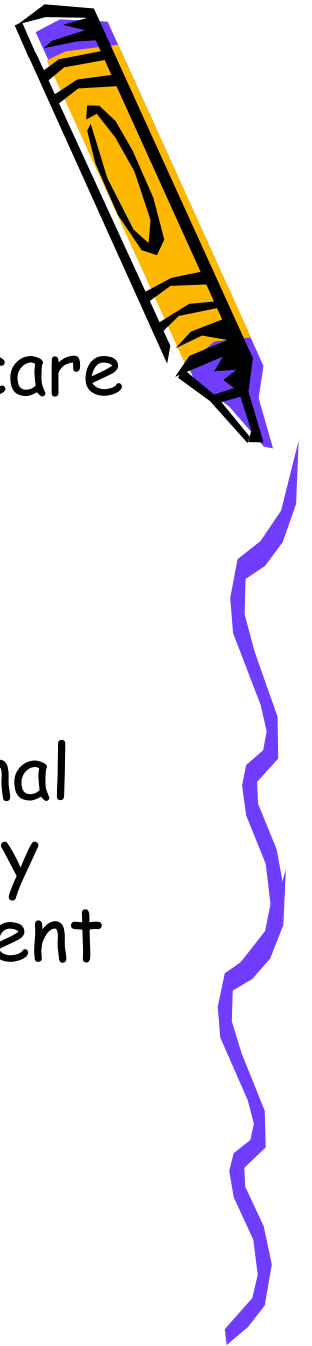
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The Provincial Council for Children's Health (PCCH) is a focal point for children's health care services at the provincial level; an umbrella forum that will help to steer and co-ordinate Ontario's child health care services.



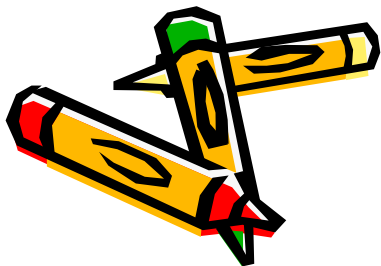
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Within the context of broader health care transformation in Ontario, the Council commits to working horizontally and in collaborative partnerships with Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), relevant Ministries and agencies, regional child health networks, and a broad array of stakeholders, towards the development of an *integrated, accessible, provincial system of child health care services.*



PCCH Membership

- Chair
- Presidents/CEOs (6), Paediatric Academic Health Sciences Centres
- Paediatric Chairs/Chiefs (5), Paediatric Academic Health Sciences Centres
- Representatives(2) from Academic Hospitals associated with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)
- LHIN CEO (1)
- Community representative (1)
- Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Strategy Division, MOHLTC (1)
- Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Youth Services (1)
- Executive Director, Provincial Council for Children's Health (1)
- Clinical Chief Representative for Surgery (1)
- Clinical Chief Representative for Mental Health (1)



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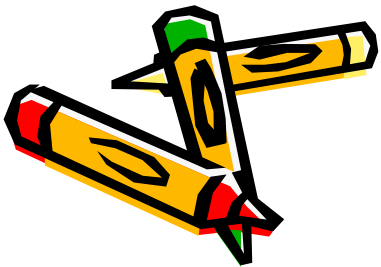
Priority Areas (2007-09)

- System planning and access to a broad range of specialized paediatric services
- Paediatric Human Resources - strategies to implement and support models of care



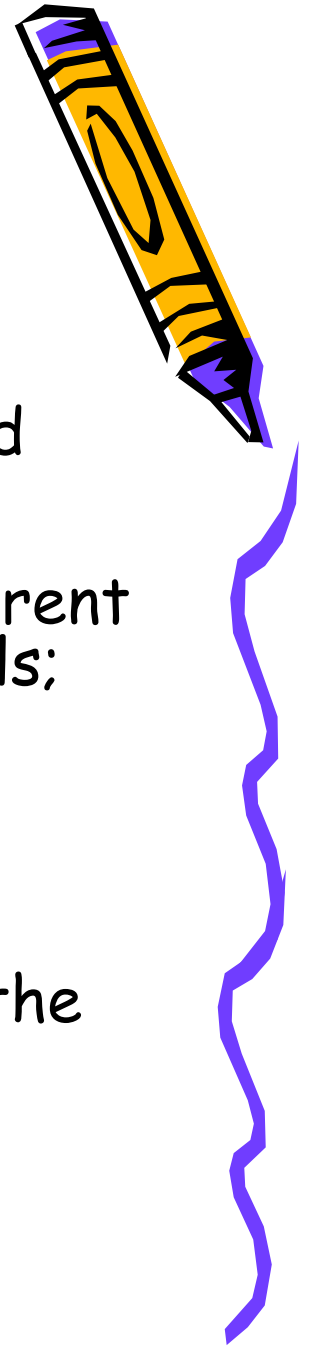
PCCH System Goals

- To provide timely access for children and their families to a comprehensive array of services, delivering the best quality of care as close to home as possible;
- To achieve a continuum of care for children and their families
- To promote evidence-based practices in children's health care;



System Goals cont'd.

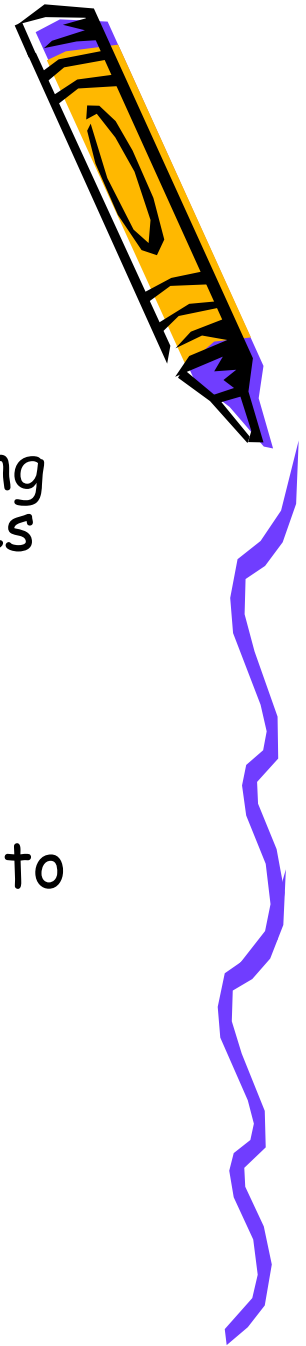
- To support research to improve the health and care of children;
- To support education to train and educate current and future paediatric health care professionals;
- To maximize the role and contribution of individual providers within a single integrated provincial system;
- To ensure the efficient and effective use of the increasingly limited pool of paediatric health professionals/ providers



System Planning/Access 2007-09

Activities to date:

- Recommended LHIN-linked catchment/planning areas for Paediatric Academic Health Sciences Centres (PAHSCs)
- Completed a provincial inventory of PAHSC outreach activities
- Approved principles for provincial outreach services and will begin to create a framework to guide the development of such services
- All paediatric subspecialties at PAHSCs designated as core, regional or provincial
- Planning underway for Rheumatology as a provincial program



System Planning/Access 2007-09

Creation of an expert panel focused on childhood obesity tasked with the development of a vision for an integrated continuum of care for children from health promotion and prevention through early identification and intervention.

Activities:

- Expert panel convened, report including priorities for action submitted to MOHLTC September, 2008



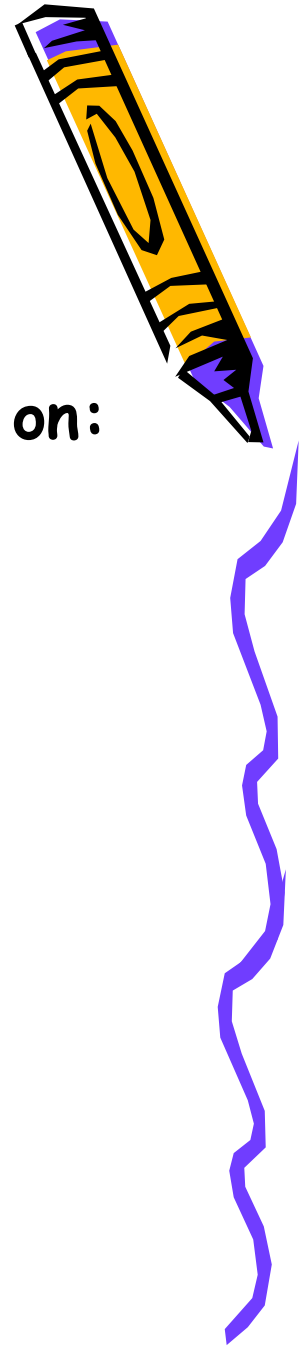
System Planning/Access 2007-09 cont'd.

Phase II of the NICU capacity work focusing on:

- Access to Level II NICU Care
- Retinopathy of Prematurity screening

Activities to Date:

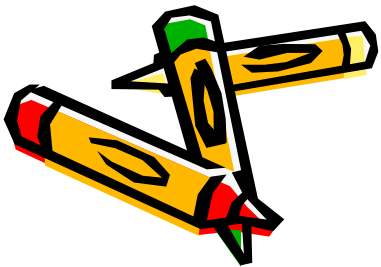
- Convened a Provincial Maternal-Newborn Advisory Committee



System Planning/Access 2007-09 cont'd.

The Provincial Maternal-Newborn Advisory Committee will recommend strategies to achieve a coordinated system of maternal and newborn services sensitive to urban, rural and remote settings. Strategies will focus on:

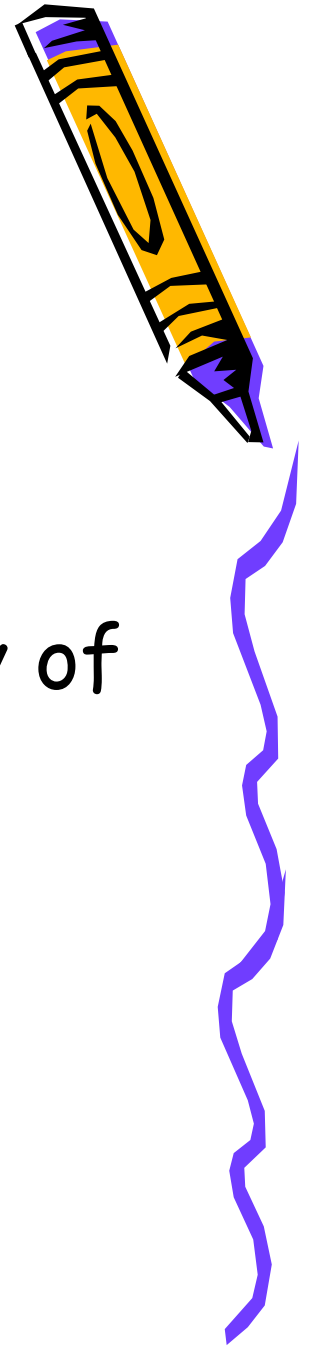
1. Equitable access to timely, high quality, evidence-based, family-centred care at the appropriate level for all pregnant women and newborns in Ontario as close to home as possible.
2. Equitable access to specialized services optimizing maternal and newborn care
3. Leading evidence-based practice and standards of care.
4. Data and information systems to inform practice, policy and to promote accountability.



System Planning/Access 2007-09 cont'd.

Current Work Groups focused on:

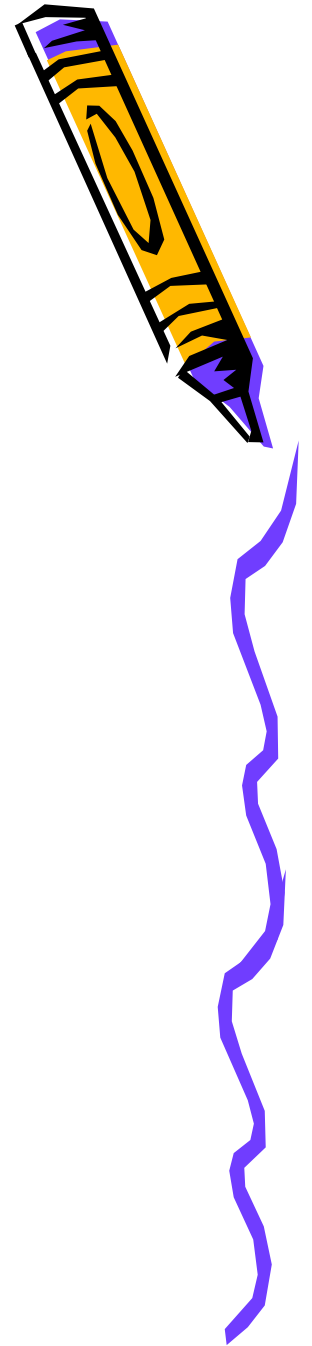
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Remote Screening for Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Fetal Fibronectin Testing
- Access to Maternal-Newborn Services



System Planning/Access 2007-09 cont'd.

Upcoming Work Groups to Focus on:

- Maternal, neonatal and paediatric transportation
- Late Preterm Birth
- Small and Large for Gestational Age
- Breastfeeding
- Performance Measurement and Accountability

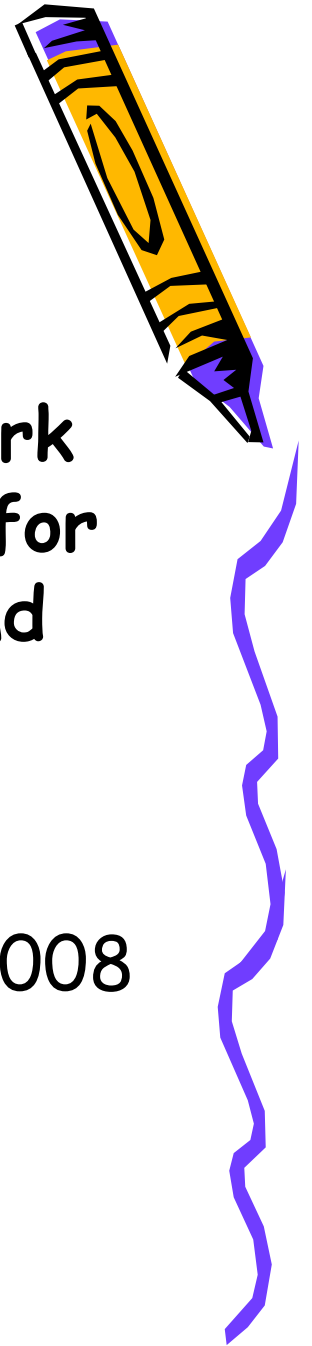
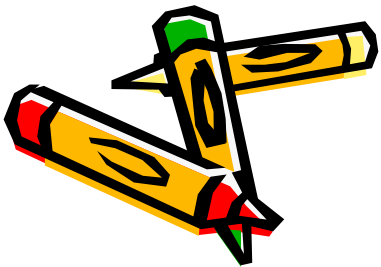


System Planning/Access 2007-09 cont'd.

Development of a transition framework
from paediatric to adult services for
children and youth with chronic and
complex care needs.

Activities to date:

Targeted for completion in October, 2008



System Planning/Access 2007-08 cont'd.

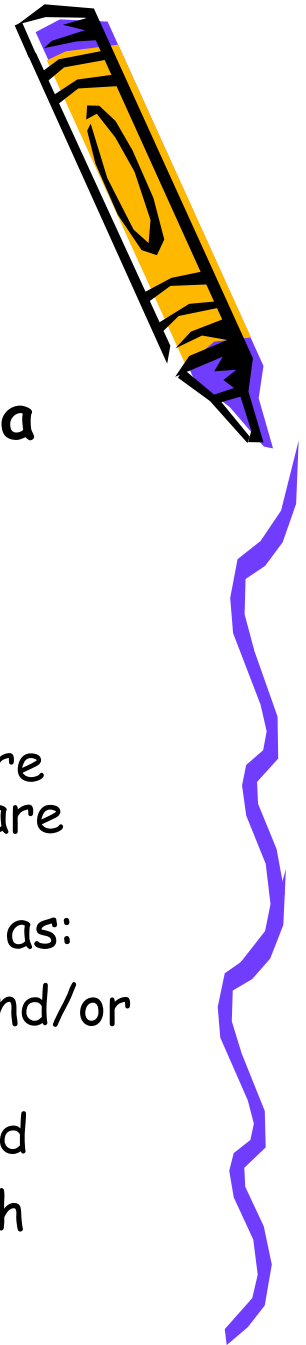
Building on the paediatric wait times agenda
with an emphasis on mental health and
child development services

Activities to date:

MOHLTC convened Paediatric Complex Care Coordination
Expert Panel responsible for examining how to improve care
delivery for children and youth with special health care
needs.

For the purposes of this panel the population was defined as:

- Children and youth who are medically fragile and/or technologically dependent
- Children and youth who are morbidly obese, and
- Children and youth who have mental illness with complicating psycho-social factors

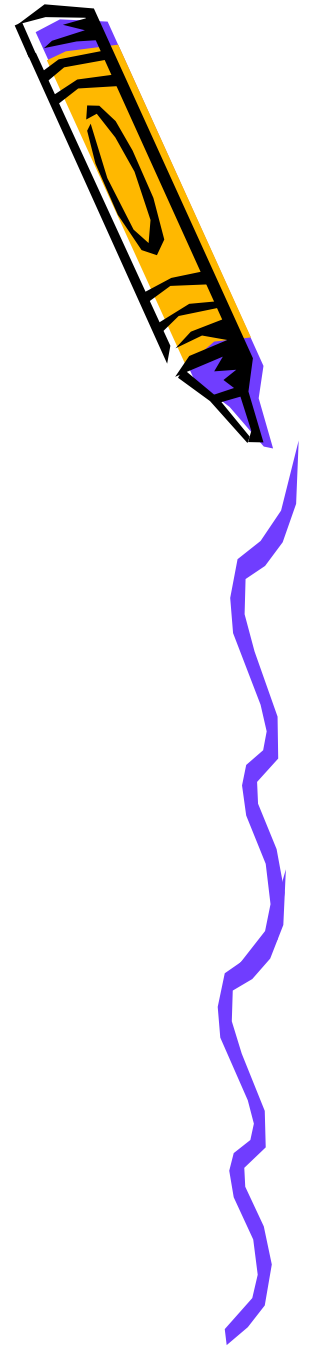


Human Resources

Aligning the human resource issues in the paediatric sector with the opportunities created by the work of HealthForceOntario

Activities to date:

- Completed an environmental scan of HHR initiatives in Ontario for consideration of the PCCH Operations committee

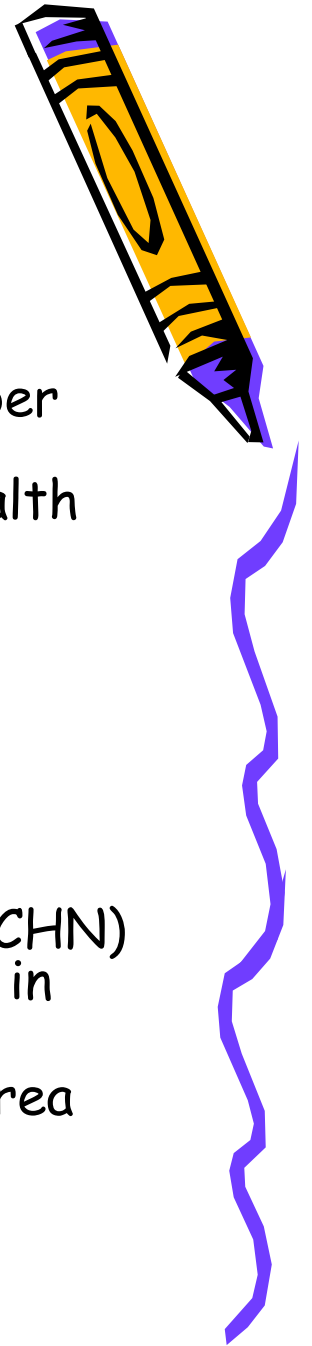


Additional PCCH Activities To Date

- Hosted a Provincial Child Health Symposium on November 14th, 2007 to bring together child health leaders and stakeholders to look at transformation of the child health system in Ontario

Set five priorities for action:

- Wait times - expansion of current activity
- A cross-sectoral focus on data, data linkages
- Addressing the need for common ages, definitions and language across sectors
- Telehealth and the Electronic Child Health Network (eCHN)
- leverage existing resources to serve more people and in different capacities
- Determine the role that schools currently play in the area of children's health and what opportunities exist for expansion of that role



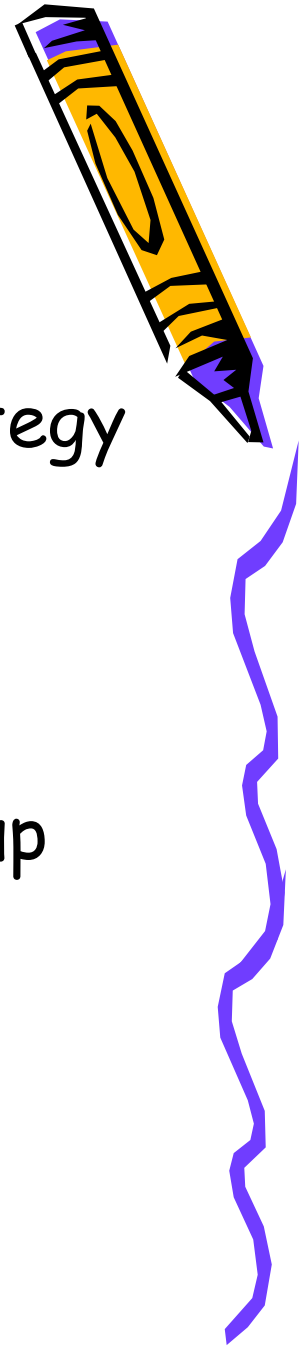
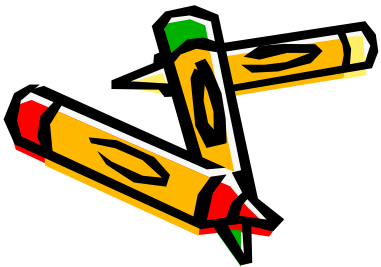
Additional PCCH Activities To Date

- Expanded Benchmarking Project from 6 to 43 member hospitals to promote quality management and system improvement
- Currently developing a mechanism to evaluate paediatric capacity and the impact of investments over time for Neonatal Intensive Care Units, Paediatric Critical Care Units, medical-surgical beds, mental health beds
- Identified a methodology for identifying patients in PAHSCs who require an alternate level of care - data capture began September, 2008



Examples of Government Actions in Maternal, Child and Youth Health

- Maternal, Child and Youth Health Strategy
- Appointment of a Lead, Maternal, Child and Youth Health Strategy
- Added paediatric surgery to the Wait Time Strategy for Ontario
- Creation of an Internal Reference Group with LHIN and inter-ministerial representation
- Focus on data convergence strategy



Upcoming Transition

- PCCH Terms of Reference reviewed and revised
- Mandate expanded to include maternal-newborn system
- Focus on secondary, tertiary and quaternary care in hospital or community
- Council membership smaller, not representative of organizations



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Thank you!

