



Midwifery Community of Practice

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The goal of the Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program (CMNRP) is to improve the health of mothers and newborns through integration of patient-focused planning at the regional level.

The Midwifery Community of Practice (MCoP) is a network of midwives in the Champlain and South East LHINs that provides an opportunity to share midwifery practice successes and challenges, and to engage in a process of collective learning and support of CMNRP's goal and strategic priorities.

Objectives

1. Play a consultative role with CMNRP's regional committees and work groups to provide midwifery's perspective on regional initiatives and projects.
2. Contribute to identifying maternal-newborn care priorities to address and improve.
3. Improve quality and standards of maternal-newborn care by supporting the implementation of best practices, as per regional and provincial priorities.
4. Support initiatives to enhance maternal-newborn health care system capacity (e.g. midwifery capacity).
5. Identify and facilitate strategies to foster midwifery integration, inter-professional relationships and collaboration.
6. Promote knowledge sharing and knowledge-to-action initiatives by fostering professional development among maternal-newborn care providers, particularly about physiological low-risk birth.
7. Support regional data monitoring and review to guide system- and quality-improvement priorities (e.g. BORN Dashboard Key Performance Indicators, Quality-Based Procedures).

Accountability

The Midwifery CoP is accountable to the Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program Network Council.

Membership

The Midwifery CoP brings together representatives from the Midwifery Practice Groups (MPGs) from across the Champlain and the South East LHINs.

An invitation for Expression of Interest in membership will be issued by the Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program Leadership Team to all MPGs.

Meetings

The Midwifery CoP will endeavor to meet once a quarter and on an ad-hoc basis if there are specific issues to address (or to be determined by the group).