

Joint Adult-Pediatric Task Force on Pediatric Transition to Adult Care - Update

In March 2017 the Chairs of Pediatrics, Internal Medicine and Family Medicine at McGill appointed a Joint Adult-Pediatric Task Force on Transition to Adult Care and named the following representatives: Jennifer Landry and Ariane Marelli (internal medicine), Anita Brown-Johnson and Mark Roper (family medicine) Lorraine Bell and Julius Erdstein (pediatrics).

The mandate of this task force is to

1. Engage other health professionals, patient representatives and the MUHC administration as core members
2. Propose ways to:
 - a. Improve the clinical care and outcomes of pediatric transition to adult care for adolescents/emerging adults with chronic health conditions, (cared for at McGill University hospitals), including their successful integration into the adult health care system
 - b. Enable training/educational opportunities and research efforts in this sphere

The overarching strategic goal of this Task Force is to make McGill and the MUHC a recognized leader and innovator in the transition domain.

The expanded task force membership now includes: Dale MacDonald (social work and administration), Heather Davies and Norine Heywood (pediatric and adult nursing) Robert Sternszus (pediatrics and medical education) Meranda Nakhla (pediatrics and research) Elizabeth Hazel and Thomas Maniatis (internal medicine) Peter Nugus (education research scientist) and Paula Yiannopoulos (CIUSSS Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal).

Patient and parent advisory committees are in the process of being established.

The Task Force meetings have been animated! The entire group has a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and has generated many interesting ideas. Working groups are forming to further elaborate the concepts put forth and to develop concrete proposals, with implementation timeframes of 1, 2, 3 and 5 years.

Major themes include the following:

- A centralized interdisciplinary transition support clinic for adolescents and emerging adults
- An upbeat, engaging and informative webpage for patients, parents and health care providers (HCP)
- Adaptable and innovative educational strategies for patients, parents and HCPs, (trainees, hospital staff and community practitioners) such as games and interactive web learning as well as simulation, workshops and core trainee curricula.
- Community liaison (family physicians, secondary care specialists, nurses, social workers, GMFs)
- Research in areas such as patient outcomes, patient and health care professional education.
- Quality improvement and safety processes, including improved shareable EMRs and methods of patient identification and tracking

Throughout the process we have had invaluable administrative assistance from Melissa Acciaioli.

A task Force report with actionable suggestions is planned for February 2018.

We also welcome suggestions from our hospital community. Please email me (Lorraine.bell@mcgill.ca) if you wish to discuss other potential task force recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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