
OTTAWA LEGAL CLINICS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

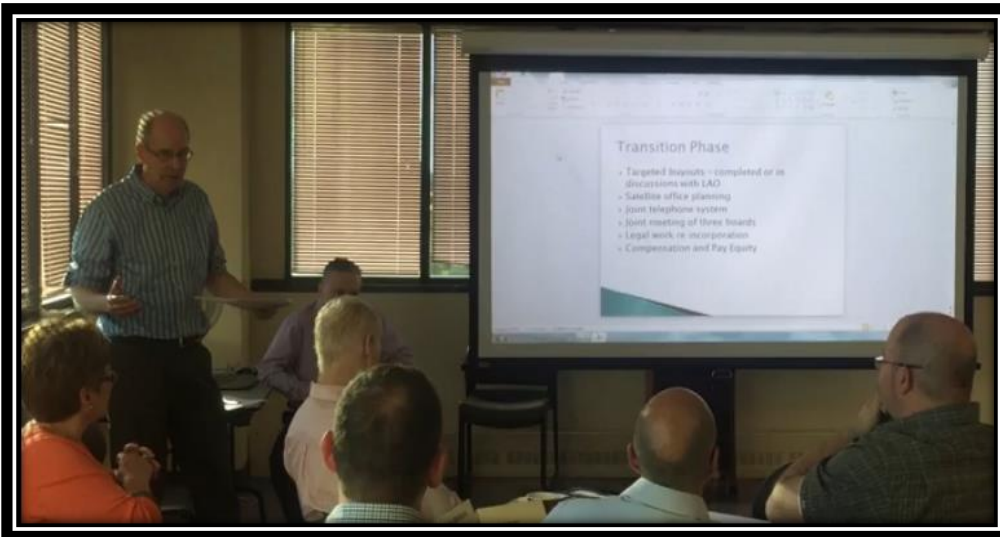
JUNE 2016

MOVING TOWARD AN AMALGAMATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All-Board Meeting

On June 14th board members from South Ottawa Community Legal Services, West End Legal Services and Community Legal Services of Ottawa Centre came together for the first time to discuss the details of the amalgamated clinic. There was a sense of excitement around the room as directors discussed their work with counterparts from across the city. The meeting brought into focus the tremendous opportunity that is presented through amalgamation; to bring together dedicated members of the access to justice community, share best practices and imagine a better way to deliver legal clinic services in Ottawa.

As part of the meeting, representatives of each working group presented details of their work over the past few months to the board members. These presentations led to robust conversations about the future of the amalgamated clinic, and participants were in agreement that these conversations were important to the transformation, and that another meeting should be organized again in the future.



Policy Harmonization

The policy harmonization working group is nearing the completion of the amalgamated personnel policy. As its work is being finalized, it is being distributed to staff for feedback.

NEXT STEPS

In the month of July, a sub-committee will be convening to discuss the development of a single Clinic Information Management System (CIMS) approach that will be adopted by each office. The new clinic bylaws are being reviewed by counsel in the coming weeks, while additional details regarding things like individual clinic funding applications will be discussed to find a single approach where appropriate.

To learn more about this process, please visit www.ottawaclinics.ca.

To contact us, please email info@ottawaclinics.ca.