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Gambling Research Exchange Ontario (GREO) will host a 2nd Think Tank on the problem gambling treatment system, continuing with a focus on co-morbid client needs, systems integration and collaboration.

We will bring together a small group of problem gambling experts, senior Ministry of Health staff, and mental health leads from Ontario’s Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) for confidential discussion.

The group will be asked to design a cross-sector collaboration project for Ontario – one that would support problem gambling services agencies to develop collaborative relationships with other sectors, particularly within their LHIN area. Drawing on work in Victoria, Australia, Think Tank participants will discuss goals, structure and funding options for this outreach project.

Planned Agenda

1. **Introductions (15 minutes) 1:00 – 1:15**

2. **Problem Gambling and Comorbidity – Primer (15 minutes) 1:15 – 1:30**
   **Trudy Smit-Quosai, CEO, Gambling Research Exchange Ontario**
   This presentation will briefly review findings from the 2016 State of Evidence Review on Mental Health Disorders and Substance Addictions in Gambling Problems (led by Dr. David Hodgins, University of Calgary).

3. **Systems integration Overview (30 minutes) 1:30 – 2:00**
   **Heather Bullock, M.Sc., Co-Lead, Evidence Synthesis, McMaster Health Forum. PhD Candidate, McMaster Health Forum’s Impact Lab**
   This presentation will review:
   - The three types of health system arrangements and potential points of integration: Governance, Financial, and Delivery.
   - Lessons learned from integration work in Mental Health and Addictions
   - Australia model for pilot outreach/integration project in Ontario

4. **Coffee break (15 minutes) 2:00 – 2:15**

5. **Integration in Ontario’s LHIN’s (30 minutes)**
   **Rod Olfert, Senior Integration Specialist, Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)**
   This presentation will discuss systems integration from the perspective of Ontario’s Local Health Integrated Networks and provide examples of client-centred integration initiatives in mental health and addictions.
6. Design of Pilot Project for PG systems outreach (1:45) 2:15 – 4:00
   Structured, facilitated group discussion to define a pilot project for Ontario that works within the LHIN structure

Tuesday January 24, 2017, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Location: One King West; 1 King Street West Toronto Ontario, M5H 1A1
Please RSVP by January 16th, 2017
(GREO will cover travel costs for participants outside the GTA)

Questions? Erika Veri Levett erika@greo.ca 519.763.8049 ext. 106
Additional Guests? Please let Erika know if you would like us to extend an invitation to other staff in your organization.