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Over the past eighteen months the providers and networks within WWLHIN have set up a number of initiatives that will advance both local strategic priorities and provincial directives. Some examples of activities that are currently underway include: implementation of a Regional Stroke Strategy, introduction of 9 Family Health Teams, active involvement with the Provincial Palliative Care integration project, development of a Balance of Care model for integrating Community Support Services within the continuum of care, expansion of an Adult Day Program and Renal Dialysis Satellites in North Wellington (Palmerston and District Hospital).

Across the WWLHLIN, several new networks and communities of interest (COI) have recently been established in an effort to promote and enhance health system integration. Examples of these include: WWLHIN Specialized Geriatric Services Network, Community Support Services, e-Health Council, Critical Care Strategy Steering Committee and Wait Times Steering Committee. In addition, the Waterloo Wellington Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee is a leading example of a joint collaboration between the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Additional examples of emerging collaborations and partnerships include the establishment of Community Support Services Access and Standardization Projects, the Waterloo Wellington Dufferin Early Psychosis Intervention Management Project and a local group to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness.

It is important to note that in addition to the identified collaborative initiatives, a number of networks and service providers have indicated that they are in formative stages of planning and priority setting for system integration related initiatives.

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