

TransForm and partners to lead innovation procurement in Erie St. Clair

Nov. 12, 2017 – TransForm Shared Service Organization (TransForm) and its partners have been given the green light to proceed with five ground-breaking projects in Erie St. Clair, further positioning the region as a hotbed of healthcare innovation.

Earlier this month, [Ontario Centres of Excellence](#) (OCE) announced TransForm's *Innovative Procurement for Traceability* project was one of six successful applicants for the [second round](#) of REACH funding (Resources for Evaluating, Adopting and Capitalizing on Innovative Healthcare Technology). REACH is a [grant funding](#) program being delivered by OCE on behalf of Ontario's [Ministry of Government and Consumer Services](#) (MGCS). The funding supports healthcare organizations in developing new ways to procure solutions that more readily meet their high-priority needs (e.g. co-design to address problem). This process is known as innovation procurement.

"We're honored that OCE sees us as an innovative leader in the health system," said TransForm Director Michelle Watters, explaining the grant will fund a project at Windsor Regional Hospital to improve tracking and traceability of medical consumables and implanted devices.

Four other projects in Erie St. Clair will also be proceeding thanks to the inaugural *Innovate ESC Alumni Fund* developed by TransForm and the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network for alumni of the Executive Program in Health System Innovation delivered by the World Health Innovation Network at the Odette School of Business. They include a 12-lead early ECG transmission project involving Windsor Regional Hospital and Windsor-Essex EMS, an educational initiative led by Thamesview Family Health Team, Bluewater Health's Choosing Wisely Campaign, and an Emergency Preparedness program being developed by Chatham-Kent Health Alliance and Meadow Park Long Term Care.

"This is very exciting news," said Windsor Regional Hospital Clinical Practice Manager Kaitlyn Sheehan, whose project will allow for early transmission of ECG data from heart attack patients in the ambulance to the hospital before they arrive in emergency.

TransForm strives to be Ontario's leading shared service organization and is committed to delivering exceptional service and creating new opportunities to improve value to the health system, seeking innovative ways to deliver financial value and achieve health system transformation.

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