

# Smart Technologies for Mental Health Management









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#### **Smart Mental Health Vision**

- Mental Health Research at Lawson strives to recognize and study the importance of community integration across the continuum of mental health and illness.
  - Taking advantage of newer technology and care approaches
  - Revising delivery of care to better meet the goal of community integration
  - Establishing a mental health system that focuses on community integration
  - Aligning research with a clinical model that spans the continuum of care









### Pilot Projects

- Telepsychiatry to provide video linkages to community mental health agencies
- A smart apartment in a psychiatric hospital as part of discharge readiness
- 3. Case management program with video and remote health monitoring in people's homes
- Access to income and hospital data on hospital programs to prevent discharge to homelessness









## The Technology Backbone

- Leaders Opportunity Fund Canada Foundation for Innovation
  - For servers, integrated database system to cross hospitals, community mental health, addiction and homeless services in London
  - Data stored behind hospital firewall
  - Looking at unique means of identification iris scanning, facial recognition
  - On the street input of data: homeless programs & case management programs using handheld devices









## The Technology Backbone

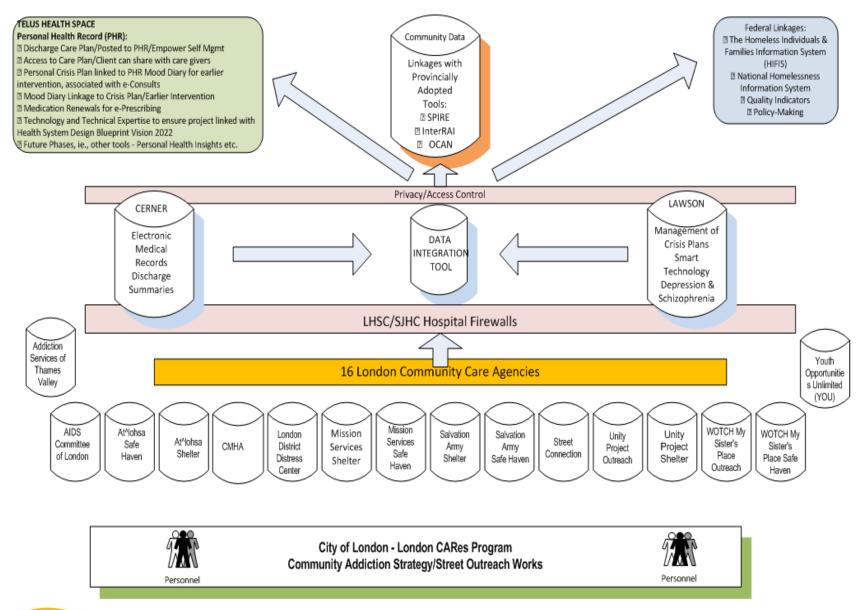
- Lawson Integrated DataBase (LIDB)
  - Captures range of mental health data
  - Keeps data isolated between different data sources
  - Enables data collaboration between agencies, hospitals, and researchers
  - Provides role-based access control
  - Allows data import and document upload
  - Supports the development of mental health applications



















# The Technology Backbone



**HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE** 



Several research projects have leveraged the capabilities of the LIDB:

- 1. Mental Health Smart Technologies (MHST) Veenboer Foundation:
  - Extended smart apartment project at Regional Mental Health Care (St. Thomas)
  - Added use of handheld devices/smart phones for patients discharged the community
  - Involved a smart group home
  - Prompts and reminders went directly from LIBD to mobile phones

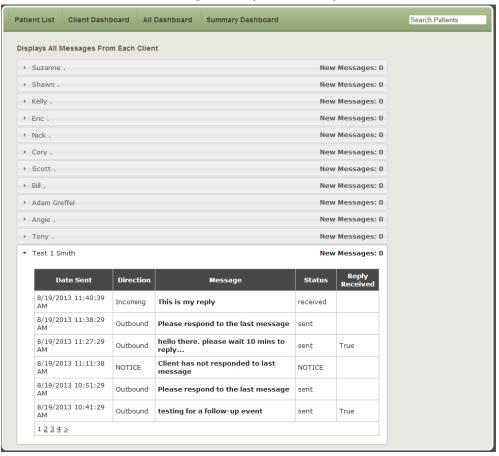








Mental Health Smart Technologies (MHST): Care Provider Dashboard











- 2. Mental Health Engagement Network (MHEN) Canada Health Infoway and TELUS Health:
  - Implemented and evaluated the use of a web-based personal health record – the Lawson SMART Record
  - Tested in a population of 400 individuals living in the community and experiencing a mood or psychotic disorder
  - Facilitated communication between clients and care providers
  - Study results demonstrated improved quality of life and community integration, as well as a reduction in outpatient visits, psychiatric hospitalizations, and arrests









- 3. Youth Mental Health Engagement Network (YMHEN) The Sandbox Project:
  - Piloted the use of the Lawson SMART Record in a sample of 41 adolescents experiencing depressive symptoms
  - Qualitative findings suggested that using technology enhanced mental health treatment and fit well with evidenced based treatments often used with adolescents experiencing mental illness (i.e., CBT and DBT)









- Past research has demonstrated the feasibility, efficacy, and costeffectiveness of integrating mobile smart technologies into mental health care
- We plan to expand on these proof-ofconcept models to study in-home support solutions for individuals experiencing mental illnesses











 In-home solutions will include prompt and reminder systems built into the lived environment:

e.g.

- Medication reminders
- Appointment reminders
- Aim is to facilitate mental well-being and self-care in the home









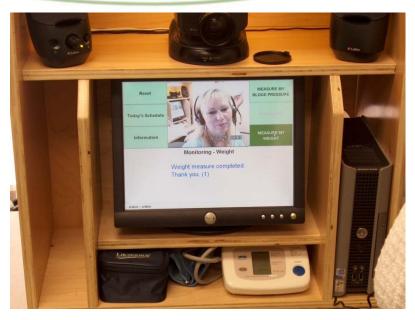
- Funding from Lawson is supporting the development of pilot "smart apartments" at Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building (London) and Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care (St. Thomas)
- Pilot apartments will include a variety of technologies e.g.
  - Smart TVs
  - Smart mirrors
  - Tablets
  - Blood pressure monitors
  - Medication dispensers





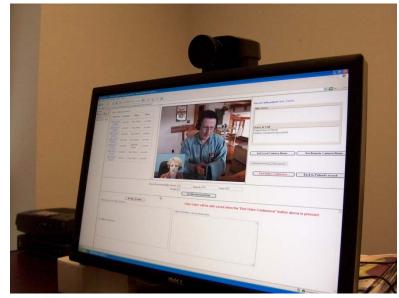






Patient Station (Prototype)

#### Clinician Station (Prototype)











- Client and staff perceptions of the technologies in the hospital pilot apartments will be assessed to facilitate future development and large-scale implementation
- Additional funding will be sought from the Ontario Research Fund Research Excellence (ORF-RE) Grant to establish "smart apartments" throughout London
- CMHA Middlesex Housing and London-Middlesex Housing have agreed to provide 40 apartments each for future study of this technology in the community









#### Evaluation Framework: How we Study Smart Technologies

#### EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS

Target populations: demographic data and characteristics (income status, housing, etc)

Evaluate interventions delivered: technology use 'in context' and over time, health promotion

Implementation system: intervention fidelity

Intermediate outcomes: Consumer usability testing, uptake or fit of technology with life patterns, longer term outcomes: e.g. health status, quality of life etc

#### **ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

Evaluate "value for money" – extra cost vis-à-vis the extra benefit

Analysis of person level cost and outcome data for each study participant

Analysis of costs and benefits on a societal level to identify specific sub categories such as, caregiver costs, health costs, government costs etc.

#### ETHICAL ANALYSIS

Evaluation of specific ethical implications in data exchange, secure storage, and use of technologies

Comparison of ethical standards to project's findings in relation to fairness, autonomy, privacy, social inclusion etc



#### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

Identification of specific policy implications in data exchange, secure storage, and use of technologies

Address policy implications arising from the issues identified throughout the research process.

Include key stakeholders in identifying both problems and solutions

Technology Research Assessment Innovation Network (TRAIN) "Consumer Facilitated Ecosystem of Care"

#### Conclusions & Future Directions

- Developing smart technologies is essential for improving the quality and efficiency of health care
- Integrating smart technologies into the lived environment will further our vision of creating a smart technology enabled mental healthcare system
- Future work will explore additional avenues, such as linking data between community agencies and hospitals, as well as developing novel methods of identification (e.g., iris scanners)









#### Questions?











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