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Yukon receives funding for national project on dementia care

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government's Continuing Care branch is one of 15 Canadian health-care organizations selected to participate in a project aimed at improving care for dementia patients. Yukon is the only territory taking part in this initiative led by the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvements (CFHI).

Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham made an announcement about the project today.

"In choosing Yukon as a participant in this important project the CFHI is recognizing our forward vision for health care," Graham said. "Implementing this person-centred dementia care will make a big difference to our continuing care residents."

Teams have been selected from Yukon and seven provinces to adapt and implement an approach that will reduce the number of continuing care residents on antipsychotic medication. Yukon team members are currently in Banff, Alberta attending a workshop on the project.

The CFHI is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to accelerating health care improvements by working with partners to promote health care that delivers better outcomes. With a \$10 million annual federal investment the CFHI supports innovations that could save provincial and territorial health-care budgets more than \$1 billion per year.

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