

North Simcoe Muskoka

Local Health Integration Network

June 2006

Imagine a Better Health Care System...

...and then help make it real!

The health care system belongs to you.

You depend on it.

You pay for it.

Now you have the opportunity to participate in making decisions about it.

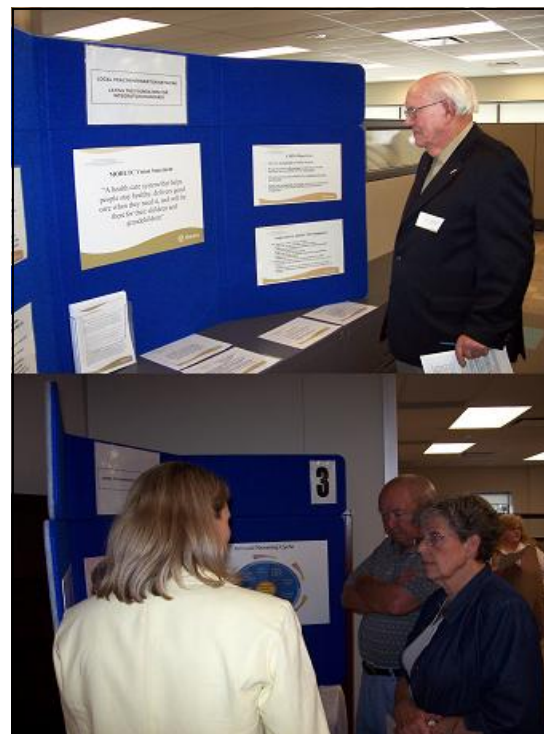
If you have not had the opportunity to complete the public survey please take a minute to do so.

It is available on our web site or by calling our office until June 16th.

Community Engagement Strategy Launched

On Monday May 15th, the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Community Engagement strategy was launched with a press conference and Open House at the NSM LHIN office and is now in full swing. To date, three public open houses, three round tables and five targeted focus groups have been held with over 350 individuals participating. A Francophone open house and focus group have also been held. In all, six open houses, five round table discussions, thirteen targeted focus groups and participation in several health fairs are planned. Details regarding dates, times, and locations are posted on our website and in our May newsletter. In addition, LHIN staff are meeting with physicians as key partners in the delivery of health care services. Over 5,000 hard copies of the public survey have been distributed.

In mid-June, the NSM LHIN will welcome Greg McGregor as our Aboriginal/First Nations liaison. Greg will support the NSM LHIN in engaging and planning with Aboriginal/First Nations populations.



Above: Jack Greenlaw NE Simcoe PEAT member

Below: Jill Tettmann, LHIN staff with Cath and Eugene McBride at May 15th Open House

Please share this newsletter with your staff, colleagues, patients, consumers, family and friends. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via email at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca or by phone 705-326-7750/1-866-903-5446.

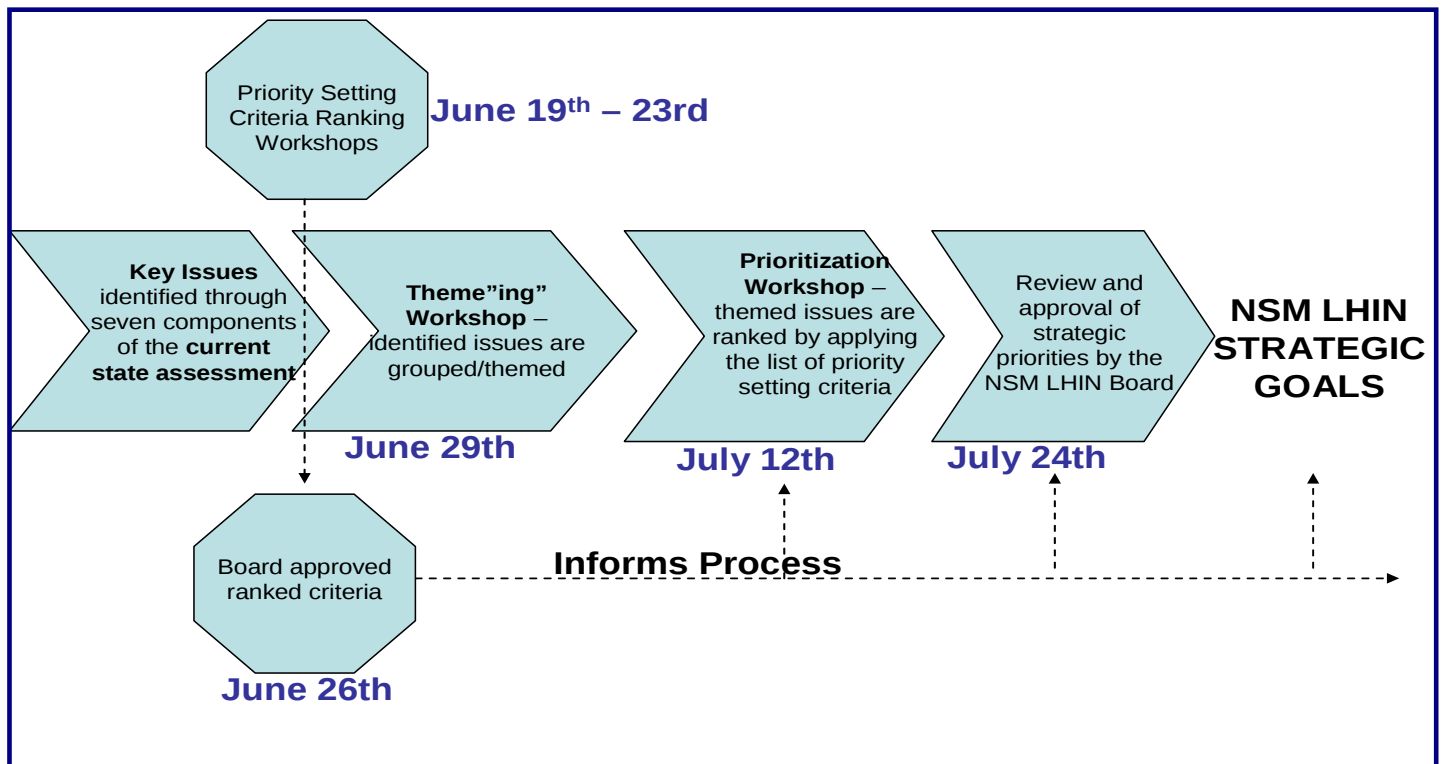
The Journey to the Integrated Health Service Plan

June 19th marks the beginning of Phase 2 of the IHSP process

Month	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
	Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3		Phase 4
Phase	Current State Assessment		Desired Future State		System Objectives & Action Plans		Finalize IHSP & Release
Output	Identification of Issues		Prioritization of issues and development of strategic goals		Action plans to achieve strategic goals		IHSP Document

The issues identified through the current state assessment will move forward through the NSM LHIN Priority-Setting framework described below, resulting in the identification of strategic goals for the IHSP.

North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Priority Setting Framework



Important Dates

The NSM LHIN will be hosting public and provider sessions to help us understand the values and preferences held by our stakeholders for a quality health care system. These sessions will invite people to rank a list of important criteria to be applied in the July 12th, Prioritization Workshop .

Public Sessions:

Collingwood	June 19th	10:00—12:00
Barrie	June 19th	2:00— 4:00
Midland	June 20th	10:00—12:00
Orillia	June 20th	2:00— 4:00
Port Sydney	June 23rd	10:00—12:00

Francophone Session:

Barrie	June 20th	6:-30—8:30
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Provider Sessions:

Orillia	June 21st	9:00—2:00
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Front Line Provider Sessions:

Barrie	June 19th	7:00-9:00
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Please contact our office if you are interested in learning more about this process.

It is anticipated that the current state assessment will result in the identification of numerous issues. Those issues will be disseminated through a “**Theme**”ing Workshop planned for **Thursday June 29th** from 9:00-4:00. Participants will help sort out the information we have received into groups or themes. This step in our process is meant to validate the information we have received and provide some degree of aggregation so that the Board can work with information in a scale that makes the strategic planning exercise helpful and useful.

These issues/themes will then be ranked in a **Prioritization Workshop** on **Wednesday July 12th** from 9:00—4:00 . Participants at this workshop will prioritize the key themes utilizing previously agreed upon criteria. The output from this meeting will help the Board to identify the areas of focus for the Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP).

All Stakeholders will be invited to attend a **Call To Action Symposium** planned for **September 12th** from 9:00 - 4:00. This step in our process will facilitate the development of action plans related to each of the NSM LHINs’ strategic goals.

We are committed to providing you with thoughtful, well-run sessions that will maximize your valuable contributions. We are very excited about the strategic planning process before us, and very much believe that the quality of the processes to be undertaken are as significant as the outcomes achieved through them.