

North Simcoe Muskoka

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Local Health Integration Network

Imagine a Better Health Care System...

...and then help make it real!

The Journey to the Integrated Health Service Plan

Phase Two of the IHSP planning process continued during the month of July with health care leaders and other key stakeholders participating in a two day workshop. The information obtained through the Current State Assessment and the July workshop has been synthesized resulting in the identification of preliminary strategic directions and goals for the first IHSP. These were reviewed by the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Board at its July 24th meeting and have been posted on the NSM LHIN website.

To view the NSM LHIN preliminary strategic directions and goals please go to:

<http://www.lhins.on.ca/english/NorthSimcoeMuskoka/NorthSimcoeMuskoka.asp> for English

<http://www.lhins.on.ca/french/NorthSimcoeMuskoka/NorthSimcoeMuskoka.asp> for French

Planning has now moved into Phase Three which is focused on the development of action plans to achieve these strategic goals.

Get Involved

Participate in the “Call to Action Symposium”

The NSM LHIN invites you to participate in the “Call to Action Symposium” on **Tuesday, September 12th, 2006** in Orillia.

A key note address provided by Hugh MacLeod, Assistant Deputy Minister Health System Accountability and Performance Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and presentation of the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN vision by Ruben Rosen, Chair NSM LHIN Board, will set the stage for an exciting day of unique action planning workshops. This is your opportunity to join with residents of North Simcoe and Muskoka, health care providers and other key stakeholders to develop action plans that will move us collectively forward in achieving our vision of a better health care system.

Please register your interest in attending by calling or emailing Ilona Guerra at ext. 201 or Ilona.Guerra@lhins.on.ca by September 5th, 2006 as space is limited at the Fern Resort. Further details regarding symposium format and workshop topics will be sent to registrants.

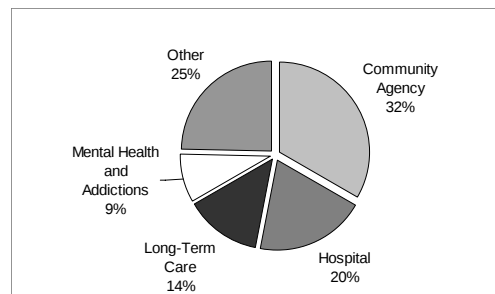
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Please share this newsletter with your staff, colleagues, patients, consumers, family and friends. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via email at northsimcoemuskoka@lhins.on.ca or by phone.

NSM LHIN Hosts e-Health Workshop

As a key step in the development of the NSM LHIN's e-Health strategy, an e-Health Stakeholder Workshop was held on July 25th, 2006 in Orillia. Participation surpassed expectations with 81 stakeholders from across all sectors participating. The workshop began with a presentation by Roger Girard, Chief e-Health Strategist for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, who shared the draft provincial e-Health Strategy Renewal. Jeff Doleweerd, e-Health lead for the NSM LHIN, followed with a presentation on the current state of e-Health in the NSM LHIN and, Jean Trimnell, CEO NSM LHIN, presented the preliminary strategic directions and goals for the Integrated Health Service Plan.

With the context set, participants focused on identifying new and existing e-Health solutions which would support the achievement of the NSM LHIN's preliminary strategic goals. Their recommendations confirmed that e-Health solutions offer tremendous potential to support the achievement of these goals. Input from this workshop will be combined with information obtained through key informant interviews and a literature review to provide a solid foundation for the development of the NSM LHIN e-Health Strategy.



Participation by Sector

Health Professionals Advisory Committee Regulations available for review

The Local Health System Integration Act requires each LHIN to establish a Health Professionals Advisory Committee (HPAC). HPACs are advisory bodies that will provide the LHINs with specialized knowledge about the local health system, the needs of service/care recipients and clinical issues.

Draft regulations for HPACs will be published in the Ontario Gazette and have been posted on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website for public review and feedback. The deadline for feedback is Friday, September 29, 2006.

For more information visit http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/lhin/lhin_advcom.html

LHIN Staff Recruitment Gets Underway

Have you considered a career with the LHIN? To learn more visit <http://www.hrassociates.ca/lhinjobs>

Getting to Know Us:



Vic Sahai joined the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Team as the Senior Director of Performance, Contract and Allocation. Vic will play a leadership role in assisting key overall goals and initiatives for improving the health of the citizens of North Simcoe Muskoka. Vic's background comprises more than sixteen years of experience working in the health research field, including the planning of health information initiatives, health research and epidemiological methodology. Prior to joining the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Team, Vic was the Founding Director of the Northern Health Information Partnership (1997-2005) where he was responsible for providing innovative leadership to the planning, direction and operational implementations of health intelligence initiative in Northern Ontario. Vic has authored and co-authored many publications and more recently Vic was cross-appointed to Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, where he held the position of Adjunct Professor within the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research.

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