

North East Local Health Integration Network E-Bulletin

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On April 1st, 2007, responsibility for the planning, integrating and funding of local health services will transfer from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to the NE LHIN.

As that date fast approaches, the NE LHIN is utilizing email communications to address the many questions being asked by healthcare providers. This e-bulletin begins a series of electronic communications which will continually update health service stakeholders during this time of transition.

E-bulletin recipients are encouraged to **distribute these updates** within their organizations.

Anyone seeking to be added to this emailing list can make their request at northeast@lhins.on.ca

NE LHIN also encourages questions and feedback through northeast@lhins.on.ca
Inquiries and comments will be addressed in future e-bulletins.

***** VISION FROM THE TOP *****

Hired in late December as Chief Executive Officer of the NE LHIN, Rémy Beaudoin, brings over 20 years of experience in senior management within the health care field.

“My vision for the NE LHIN is to create a system of healthcare that improves client care and improves the health status of the population in the northeast,” says Beaudoin.

On March 2nd, the NE LHIN Board of Directors will meet to discuss and approve the Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Directions and Operational Plan of the NE LHIN Corporation, according to Beaudoin. Details will follow in a future e-bulletin.

***** SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM IN PLACE *****

The NE LHIN is pleased to announce the appointment of Martha Auchinleck to the permanent position of Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and Allocation and the appointment of Terry Tiliczek to the permanent position of Senior Director and Planning, Integration and Community Engagement.

***** MEETING SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS A TOP PRIORITY *****

“We want a voice for all our players out there,” says Rémy Beaudoin.

- A system of representation is being implemented to permit each healthcare sector to be present in all seven geographic Planning Areas.
- Advisory councils will be created with representatives from the different stakeholder groups.
- The interim representatives currently administering these areas are:
 - Sudbury-Manitoulin and Parry Sound – Frank McGoey
 - Nipissing – Phil Kilbertus
 - Timiskaming and Algoma – Michel O’Connor
 - Cochrane and the James Bay Area – Monique Rocheleau.
- Staff contact information is available at www.nelhin.on.ca through the Contact Us link.

***** CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE *****

The process of transition is being carried out in a smooth and orderly transfer, says Chief Executive Officer, Rémy Beaudoin. “After April 1st, there will still be someone at the other end of the line who will direct traffic or give you an answer,” explains Beaudoin.

- Beaudoin assures service providers that, until otherwise notified in writing, their current relationships (with MOHLTC representatives) are still in place.
- The LHIN Liaison Branch is a primary point of contact for all 14 LHINs and all provincial programs. It ensures that each LHIN is properly resourced to assume their full responsibilities.
- Information and bulletins regarding the Transformation Agenda as it pertains to LHINs can be accessed through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/lhin/lhin_mn.html

***** IN BRIEF *****

- The latest NE LHIN board meeting was held on Friday, March 2nd in Moose Factory. Information on the board meeting is available on the NE LHIN website.
- Future NE LHIN e-bulletins will continue to update and inform health service providers.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to forward news items, questions, comments and feedback regarding NE LHIN e-bulletins by email to northeast@lhins.on.ca
- The NE LHIN website at www.nelhin.on.ca also provides extensive access to information.