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*****LHIN turns to CEOs and providers to help implement its Vision and Mission*****

At its regular monthly meeting in Moose Factory last Friday, the Board of the NE LHIN adopted a vital component in its attempt to achieve system wide health integration in Northeastern Ontario - the Health System CEO Roundtables, or RTs.

Each RT will provide advice to the North East LHIN on the health care needs of their communities, using a health system approach. These RTs will also advise the NE LHIN on:

- local planning and priority-setting;
- evaluation and performance monitoring – including the identification of opportunities for the integration/coordination of health care services.

Also adopted by the NE LHIN board at its March meeting are the organization's Vision and Mission statements. The Vision, ***"Health and Wellness for All,"*** will require the close cooperation of everyone involved in health care delivery in the North East, no less than will the Mission, which is ***"Create an Innovative, Sustainable and Accountable System."***

As the name implies, the Health System CEO RTs will be comprised of CEOs from each of the six LHIN-funded health care sectors. Six RTs will be established immediately in the Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin-Sudbury Nipissing, Parry Sound and Timiskaming Planning Areas. A seventh, in the James Bay Planning Area, will follow.

When the full complement is established by the end of April, each Round Table will have as many as twelve voting members around the table. They will include one CEO or Executive Director from each of the six LHIN-funded sectors:

- CCACs
- Community health centres
- Community mental health and addiction services
- Community support services
- Hospitals
- Long term care homes

In addition, three seats will be reserved for representatives from non LHIN-funded partners:

- Emergency Health Services (ambulance)
- Primary Care
- Public Health Units

Three additional members can be selected at the discretion of the other RT participants.

The RT CEOs will be selected by their sectoral peers from across their respective Planning Areas. Each representative will receive one vote at the Round Table, and ideally decisions will be reached through consensus. If consensus is not attainable the chairperson may call a vote, in which case a simple majority will be required to carry a motion. The RT Chairs will be selected by the RT members, and will serve for a period of one year. The RT CEOs will serve on the Round Table for three years.

Each RT CEO will be expected to consult widely with his or her sectoral peers to provide system-wide input to the Round Table as a whole. Each RT CEO will also be charged with reporting Round Table developments back to her or his colleagues within the sector.

More specific information on the RT initiative will be forthcoming shortly, and is contained in the NE LHIN Board documents on the NE LHIN website at www.nelhin.on.ca.

If you have additional questions in the meantime you can e-mail the LHIN at northeast@lhins.on.ca

Or you can contact your Planning Area staff representative.

- Timiskaming – Mike O'Connor
- Cochrane and the James Bay Area – Monique Rocheleau.
- Manitoulin-Sudbury and Parry Sound – Frank McGoey
- Nipissing and Algoma – Phil Kilbertus

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