

North East LHIN e-bulletin

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The NE LHIN e-bulletin is an electronic email that provides up-to-date information of interest to Health Service Providers within the North East LHIN. Copies of e-bulletins are housed on www.nelhin.on.ca under the "For Health Service Providers" section.

James Bay Coast First Nations Evacuations

Staff of the North East LHIN receive daily, if not hourly, updates from the Province's Emergency Measures Unit (EMU) regarding the evacuation of Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Attawapiskat First Nation due to flooding.

As the situation changes hourly, this is just a quick note to let all NE health service providers know that the process for effective evacuations is in place and many individuals from all levels of the public and private sectors are working to ensure continued health care to the people impacted by the flooding. The EMU continues to provide regular updates to the North East LHIN and to coordinate the evacuations across the province.

Health Service Provider Profiles Progressing Well ...

Thanks to your cooperation, the **Health Service Provider (HSP) Profiles** are moving along well. Due to the volume of HSPs in North East LHIN, we have had to roll out the survey in phases by health sector. **This is a reminder that, if you have received an email inviting you to fill out a survey, please do so at your earliest convenience.** The Health Service Provider profiles, requested by the NE LHIN Health System CEO Round Tables, will be a valuable local planning resource.

For more information, please contact **Marc Lefebvre**, marc.lefebvre@lhins.on.ca or 705-840-2872, ext. 233

North East LHIN Participates in Aging at Home Innovations Showcase

Many thanks to **Jocelyne Maxwell**, Directrice générale, Centre de santé communautaire du Temiskaming and **Edith Mercieca**, Aging at Home Strategy Program Coordinator, Mamaweswen North Shore Tribal Council, for presenting posters at last week's **Aging at Home Innovations Showcase** held in Toronto.

These two NE LHIN Aging at Home Strategy funded programs serve the culturally diverse populations of North East Ontario. The project of the **Mamaweswen North Shore Tribal Council**, in collaboration with the First Nation and off reserve Aboriginal community health services and the mainstream health care system, aims to provide a basket of services such as discharge planning, respite care, meals on wheels programs, homemaking, medical transportations, seniors shopping, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, personal support, nursing services. Linkages to traditional healing services will ensure access to culturally appropriate services that will enhance quality of life at home within the culture and with the language that they understand.

The **Francophone Day Centre Program** involves the establishment of a Day Centre programming that responds to requests from the elderly Francophone population for culturally and linguistically appropriate community-based services. This initiative seeks to mobilize the expertise of a wide range of community partners to develop a “custom” solution to reduce social isolation and improve physical and cognitive capabilities of Francophone elders within a small rural community in the Temiskaming area.

Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo

Thank you to North East LHIN health service providers for participating last week's ***Innovations in Health Care Expo*** in Toronto. Our representatives and their showcased programs included:

North East Mental Health Centre

CHOICES Steps to Employment

Sault Area Hospital

Nurse Practitioner Outreach Project

West Parry Sound Health Centre

Improving Access to Primary Health Care in Rural Ontario

Northeast Mental Health Centre

Medication Reconciliation... Journey into the Unknown

Timmins and District Hospital

Optimization of OR Utilization Efficiency/Enhancing OR Access Recommendations from the Perioperative Improvement Expert

Group Health Centre

Vascular Intervention Project (VIP)

Northeast Mental Health Centre

The H.O.P.E. Team Discharge Box

Northeast Mental Health Centre

A Profile on Recovery: Coming out of the Shadows

Group Health Centre (GHC)

EMRxtra

Register Now! Aboriginal Summit -- The New Health Environment

Registration is underway for the upcoming **Aboriginal Health Summit – The New Health Environment**. The two-day, no registration fee, event will explore how to [use](#) technology in health care planning and delivery and work towards identifying appropriate health planning bodies and processes within the NE LHIN while waiting for the development of the Local Aboriginal Health Planning Entities (LAHPE).

Wednesday-Thursday, May 14-15, 2008

Clarion Resort Pinewood Park

North Bay

Visit www.nelhin.on.ca to register. For more information: **Gertie Mai Muise, NE LHIN, Email: GertieMai.Muise@lhins.on.ca**

Operating Manual for Addiction & Mental Health Service Providers

Many addiction and mental health treatment service providers (including gambling services) have asked if they should continue to use the 2003 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Operating Manual. The NE LHIN has received clarification from the Ministry who advise that addiction and mental health providers continue to use the 2003 manual. The Service Accountability Committee (SAA) - a joint Ministry and LHIN committee - has been working on a new operating manual as part of their committee responsibilities. They are/will be looking at legislative elements and sector-specific information that will be required in a revised manual.
