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North East LHIN



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Wednesday, November 19, 2008 – NE LHIN Hosts Governance / Stakeholder Forum: *Reporting Back to the Community*

Mark your Calendar -- On Wednesday, November 19, 2008, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the NE LHIN will host its 2008 Governance/Stakeholder Forum. The Forum will provide the opportunity to:

- Provide an update on NE LHIN achievements to date and current and future priorities.
- Review the NE LHIN Integration Strategy.
- Continue the dialogue with key stakeholders on strategic directions of the health care system in North East Ontario

Unlike 2007, this year's event will be *one forum only*.

The forum will be held at sites across the North East. Delegates will participate in the first half of the forum via a video-link. The second half will include one-on-one round table discussions on selected subject areas and will be facilitated by a NE LHIN Board member and staff person.

Who Should Attend?

- Board Chairs and CEOs of Health Service Providers;
- Board Chairs and CEO of Health Partner Organizations – non LHIN-funded organizations who are critical partners in the overall health care system;
- Administrators from universities and colleges;
- Representatives from community groups – individuals who are either users and health service beneficiaries or contributors to health programs.

Forum locations are being determined. Please visit www.nelhin.on.ca to review details as they become available.

In the meantime, for more information, please contact:
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North East LHIN Releases Health Care Integration Strategy: *Strategy calls for health service provider integration activities over next four years*

On September 26, 2008, the NE LHIN Board of Directors received a document that will chart the course for a more coordinated delivery of health care programs and services in North East Ontario. The NE LHIN Integration Strategy was developed to provide health service providers with information and a clearly defined process to achieve success with health service integration and coordination efforts. The Strategy outlines a process to follow in 2008 to prepare for increased integration activities starting in 2009/2010.

This Strategy supports integration and system changes that:

- Enhance access to, and quality of, health services;
- Improve individual and population health outcomes;
- Improve the overall patient experience within the health system by reducing fragmentation and duplication; and
- Realize greater efficiencies through the most effective use of available resources.

The NE LHIN expectation is that integration activity occurs on an annual basis that clearly demonstrates integrated and coordinated health service planning, priority setting and action.

To download a copy of the NE LHIN Integration Strategy or to view further integration information, please visit: www.nelhin.on.ca.

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- **2008/2009 Annual Service Plan**
The Annual Service Plan (ASP) is a multi-year plan that identifies the top priorities and necessary resources to implement the NE LHIN Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP). The ASP also outlines the plan to achieve the goals and objectives of the MLAA and includes the risks and challenges faced in the North East that impact the achievement of these goals and objectives.
- **2008 Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement Refresh**
The Accountability Agreement between the North East LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care sets out obligations on the part of both the ministry and the LHIN in fulfilling our mandate to plan, integrate and fund local health care services.
- **Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) Communiqué**
North East LHIN re-confirms support for the successful implementation of WAHA and provides update on progress made to date.

