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NE LHIN News – Fall newsletter now available online

The NE LHIN Fall newsletter is now available on-line. Copies will also be mailed to those who have subscribed through our website. Learn more, about:

- Integration Strategy
- Community Annual Planning Submission/Multi-Sectoral Service Accountability Agreements
- 2008/09 Operational Plan
- Aging at Home Projects: Parry Sound and Timmins
- NE LHIN Health Care Leads

- Weeneebayko Area Health Authority

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Update – Surgical Optimization Steering Committee

Late in September, we reported that further to the NE LHIN Board of Directors approval of a recommendation regarding thoracic oncology surgery in NE Ontario (see below), the NE LHIN was awaiting a response to the recommendation from Cancer Care Ontario (CCO). The following is meant to provide a brief overview of recent and current activities in this regard.

Project Review:

July

NE LHIN board approves recommendation to:

- Designate Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) as a Level 1 thoracic surgical oncology centre;
- Designate Sault Area Hospital (SAH) as a Level 2 thoracic surgical oncology centre, with the surgeons at HRSRH and SAH working towards formalizing their relationship to ensure coordination between the centres and resource implications are addressed in meeting CCO's thoracic surgical oncology standards and;

- Ceasing thoracic surgical oncology at North Bay General Hospital and refer patients to HRSRH or SAH for the surgical procedures.

September

NE LHIN forwards Board decision to Cancer Care Ontario (CCO).

October

CCO responds indicating they are in agreement with a Level 1 designation and that they will fund it according to CCO policy. They indicate that they will not fund a Level 2 centre within NE Ontario.

The NE LHIN Board of Directors will be addressing next steps with regards to the CCO response. Next steps will be considered in the context of access to specialized surgery and quality care for the people of North East Ontario.

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NE LHIN CEO Blog Launched



We have just launched a new “CEO’s Blog” section on our website!

Visit www.nelhin.on.ca to read and comment (should you wish) on

this month’s blog on integration. A new blog will be posted at the

first of each month.

The “CEO’s Blog” is also available through our new Audio Podcasts page where you can listen and download at your convenience.

 [Visit CEO's Blog section](#)

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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Free Web Conference Training Sessions for People Who Are Responsible for Privacy and Security

This fall, the ONe-Health Steering Committee and the Northern Ontario e-Health Office are introducing e-Health Privacy and Security Policies to support the many e-Health projects planned or now underway in Northern Ontario.



To assist health care organizations to implement these policies, the e-Health Northern

Ontario office is hosting free web conference training sessions for people who are responsible for privacy and security in their organizations. This includes privacy and security officers, health professionals, health administrators or anyone who has been designated as the “contact person” for their organization under the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

There are still spaces left in the final two Privacy and Security Training program sessions on October 21 and 22. For more information, please visit www.ehealthnorth.ca.

