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North East LHIN



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H1N1 Virus (Human Swine Influenza)

The North East LHIN will continue to post all available information on the H1N1 virus on our website. In addition, the Ministry has established a toll-free Healthcare Providers Hotline (1-866-212-2272) which is in operation from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. Individuals can also register to receive the latest information directly by accessing www.publichealthontario.ca.

James Bay Spring Flood Risk

The NE LHIN continues to regularly update information on the James Bay spring flood situation. Please visit www.nelhin.on.ca for the most recent information.

Year-end Reports Now Available

Year-end reports (combined Annual Reconciliation Report/4th Quarter (ARR/Q4)) are now available on the Web Enabled Reporting System (WERS) for the following sectors:

- Community Addiction and Mental Health
- Community Support Service
- Community Care Access Centre

The ARR/Q4 and audited financial statement are due June 30, 2009 and is to be submitted on WERS. In addition, a signed and certified hard copy of the ARR/Q4 and audited financial statements are to be mailed to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; and your NE LHIN PCA Consultant. The Ministry's mailing address can be found on the "Read Me" section on the ARR/Q4 or at www.mohltcfm.com.

For clarifications and/or questions, please contact your NE LHIN PCA Consultant.

Mental Health News

- **NE LHIN Public Consultations on MOHLTC 10 Year Strategy**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is developing a 10 year strategy for the improvement of additions and mental health services. The NE LHIN, in collaboration with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH) will be holding several public consultations to inform this strategy.

Information on the date and time of these consultations will be posted to the [addiction and mental health page of www.nelhin.on.ca](#).

- **Mental Health Week 2009**

The Canadian Mental Health Association's 58th Mental Health Week takes place May 4th through 10th. The national awareness week provides Canadians with many opportunities to find out more about the importance of mental health, and how to achieve it in our daily lives. For more information please visit [www.cmha.ca](#).

- **Anti-Stigma Campaign / Campagne anti-stigmate**

The Mental Health Commission of Canada is issuing two Requests for Interest (RFI's) related to its 10-year Anti-stigma / Anti-discrimination Initiative.

"We know that to be effective in our goal of reducing stigma and discrimination related to mental health issues and illnesses, we need to go beyond a mass marketing campaign and take instead a targeted approach reaching out to specific groups. In the first year of our Initiative, we are targeting youth (aged 12 - 18) and health care professionals.

The Commission is aware programs already exist in Canada aimed at helping these two groups reduce stigma and discrimination. Many of these projects would work in other communities if shared across the country. Through these RFI's, the Commission wants to identify the many varied programs underway in Canada. We want to choose some of the most promising to serve as pilot projects with the Commission."

For more information:

anti-stigma@mentalhealthcommission.ca.

Health care professional registration forms can be accessed at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WUFFwx_2bSjGPLkYMKyn1oNA_3d_3d

Engage 2009 – Participate Today

The North East LHIN has launched a region-wide engagement approach to seek input and to help determine local health care priorities as part of its Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) refresh.

Engage 2009 will use a variety of ways to seek people's input, from all corners of North East Ontario in setting priorities that are reflective of our region's local health care needs. The on-line forum on the NE LHIN website is now active. Health care professionals and citizens from across the region can post their thoughts on health care and engage in a discussion with fellow citizens.

As part of the robust information gathering and exchange, the NE LHIN will be holding engagement sessions of a wide variety to see people's input, for example, open houses, focus groups, surveys, blogs, and more.

Engage 2009 will be active until September 30, 2009. **Submit your thoughts** on our region's health care priorities today – www.nelhin.on.ca/engage2009.

Negotiation of Multi-Sectoral Accountability Agreements (M-SAA) Now Complete

The NE LHIN is pleased to announce that the negotiation of 132 MSSAs is now completed. Staff of the NE LHIN also wish to say “thank you” to those health service providers whose staff dedicated an incredible amount of time and energy to see their negotiations through.

Ontario's LHINs are required under the Local Health Services Integration Act, 2006, to negotiate service accountability agreements with health service providers they fund. During the first half of 2008, the NE LHIN negotiated Hospital service Accountability Agreements (H-SAA) with its 25 hospitals. With the negotiation of MSAs now complete, L-SAAs (long-term care homes) and 2010-2012 H-SAA negotiations will begin this fall (2009).

All approved MSSAs will be posted to the NE LHIN website as they are received.

NE LHIN Dr. Hudson Visit

Dr. Alan Hudson, Lead, Access to Services and Wait Times and Chair of eHealth Ontario will be visiting the North East LHIN on Thursday, May 28, 2009 and will provide an update from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the North East LHIN Office, 555 Oak Street East, 3rd Floor Boardroom, North Bay. Videoconference locations as well as a teleconference number is available.

This is the third annual visit to our LHIN. Dr. Hudson is visiting LHINs across Ontario to provide information and obtain advice on:

1. ongoing initiatives related to Ontario's Wait Time Strategy;
2. the progress being made on ER/ALC; and
3. the new eHealth Ontario agency which Dr. Hudson chairs.

This event will be available through videoconferencing. If you would like to participate, please self-register your specific video-site directly by calling OTN at 1-888-346-6784 quoting event number: #7555257 or online at <https://schedule.otn.ca/tsm/portal/nonclinical/details.do?request.requestId=7555257>.

In addition, a **maximum** of 10 teleconference lines are available on a first-come first-served basis. The dial-in number for the event is: (905) 415-3132.

Please RSVP with Lianne Bettiol, Executive Assistant at:

lianne.bettiol@lhins.on.ca or 1-866-906-5446 ext. 213 **by May 22, 2009.**

NE LHIN Photo Contest



The NE LHIN is holding a photo contest between now and September 30 and is inviting people living in North East Ontario to submit photographs of people and places across the region.

Images entered may be used by the North East LHIN in its newsletter, website and other editorial and promotional materials. The three photos judged the very best will earn one of three prizes of new digital cameras. Images should reflect and support the North East LHIN's vision of Health and Wellness for All!

Entries which reflect the vibrant people, life and landscapes of North East Ontario will be received with interest. Complete contest details, and how to submit your entries, are available at www.nelhin.on.ca.

