

[« Previous Page](#)

North East LHIN



e-Bulletin

Week of June 19, 2009 - Vol 3 No. 13

Engage 2009 Continues – What do you think our region's health care priorities should be?

The update of the NE LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) is moving forward. Since April, the NE LHIN has held meetings with health service providers, received comments from the general public through our website, and held three out of six open houses in order to receive input on the setting of our region's health care priorities for the next three years (2010 – 2013).

Back in 2006 when we prepared our [first strategic plan](#), NE LHIN priorities were determined to be: Aboriginal/First Nation/Métis Services; Chronic Disease Prevention Management; Coordinated Information and Communication Technology System and Information Management; French Language Health Services; Health Human Resource Needs; Primary Care Reform; and reducing Wait Times.

This time around, we have considered both current provincial and local priorities. These priorities, gathered through our various interactions with local communities, stakeholders and providers include:

Lowering the number people who wait in hospitals for other services and reduce the number of days that people wait in hospitals for those services

- Lowering the number people who wait in hospitals for other services and reduce the number of days that people wait in hospitals for those services
- Reducing the time people wait in emergency departments
- Working with the province and other LHINs to implement the Ontario Diabetes Management Strategy locally
- Helping Seniors' live in housing that enhances their health
- Ensuring seniors receive health services without having to move to an institution
- Integrating Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Enhancing French Language Services
- Enhancing Aboriginal/ First Nations/Métis Health Services
- Improving Health Human Resources
- Making Better Use of Surgical Resources

These priorities are open for discussion.

Visit www.nelhin.on.ca/engage2009 to offer your thoughts on our region's health care priorities. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same; the more the IHSP reflects the thoughts of people living in our region, the better.

Regional Advisory Panel on Addictions and Mental Health (RAP) Holds Second Meeting

On Tuesday, June 16, 2009, the recently formed RAP held its second meeting in Sudbury. Members approved the Panel's Terms of Reference and the Terms for three task forces, including:

- The location of 31 specialized mental health beds
- Access to specialized regional mental health beds; and
- Discharge solutions for ALC mental health patients.

Terms for the remaining task forces will be received and approved at a subsequent meeting, including:

- Addictions and mental health system capacity balancing and investment priorities;
- Education and training/quality and safety improvement;
- Mental health and addictions system resource reallocation needs and options.

Earlier this year, the NE LHIN and the Northeast Mental Health Centre (NEMHC) agreed to implement the RAP recognizing the need for both regional and local mental health providers to be able to communicate, and engage in coordinated regional planning, and to work within the NE LHIN's Integration Strategy, including the expectation of transparency and community engagement.

[More information on the RAP](#)

NE LHIN Board of Directors Meeting, Friday June 26

The June NE LHIN Board of Directors will be held on:

Friday, June 26, 2009
Hôpital Régional Sudbury Regional Hospital, Laurentian Boardroom
41 Lake Ramsay Rd., 3rd Floor
Sudbury

Toll-Free Teleconference Number: 1-866-299-8690

All are welcomed to attend. Due to limited space, RSVP is required by Friday, June 19, 2009 to the attention of Lise Boucher, Corporate Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors, at 1-866-906-5446 ext. 211 or by email at lise.boucher@lhins.on.ca

H1N1 Virus

The North East LHIN continues to post all available information on the [H1N1 virus on our website \(www.nelhin.on.ca\)](#). In addition, the Ministry has established a toll-free Healthcare Providers Hotline, 1-866-212-2272. Individuals can also register to receive the latest information directly by accessing [www.publichealthontario.ca](#).

NE LHIN Photo Contest Continues

Entries which reflect the vibrant people, life and landscapes of North East Ontario will be received with interest.

[View complete contest details, and how to submit your entries](#)

