

North East LHIN



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New to www.nelhin.on.ca

- [eHealth](#) – This page provides resources and information on eHealth projects and initiatives within the North East LHIN region.
- [Long-Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission \(LAPS\)](#) – Frequently Asked Questions #3. A combination of general and funding questions.
- [Integrated Health Service Plan \(IHSP\) 2010 – 2013](#) – Outlining the priorities identified for the North East region.
- [Governance News](#) – A summary of highlights from the November 27th NE LHIN Board of Directors meeting in Parry Sound.

NE LHIN Welcomes New Staff!

- **Laura Boston, Senior Project Manager** -- Laura joins the NE LHIN eHealth Project Management Office (PMO) from the former joint NE/NW LHIN eHealth PMO. Laura was responsible for the set-up and management of this office, used by the NE and NW LHINs to address their eHealth initiatives.
- **Don McGrath, Project Manager** -- Don joins the NE LHIN eHealth PMO from his current position as Project Manager/Technical Architect at the Northeast Mental Health Centre. Don has over ten years of hands-on experience directing IT operations and projects in the health care, education and industry sectors.
- **Robyn Bangs, Project Assistant** -- Robyn joins the NE LHIN eHealth PMO from Hôpital de Mattawa Hospital and Community Living Mattawa where she was employed as Executive Assistant and Administrative Assistant Special Projects.

Update - North East Wrap Around Model

What is happening to the North East Wrap Around Model? In response to the

Ministry's priorities for Aging at Home (AAH), relieving Emergency Room and Alternate Level of Care (ALC) pressures, Wrap Around services in the North East are in the process of being revised to reflect principles of a Home-First Model.

The NE LHIN has requested the assistance of the Regional Aging at Home Steering Committee to oversee the direction of the Aging at Home Strategy.

Under the guidance of the Steering Committee, a working group was implemented to assist with the standardization of Wrap Around services in the North East.

Members of the Working Group are:

- Ann Matte, NE CCAC
- Frankie Vitone, NE CCAC
- Kerby Bechard, NE CCAC
- Brenda Loubert, Cassellholme North Bay
- Carlo Delorenzi, Timmins and District Hospital
- Dan O'Mara, MICs Group of Health Services
- France Dallaire, Hôpital Notre Dame Hearst
- Linda Watts, Sault Area Hospital
- Linda Kulkarni, West Parry Sound Health Centre
- Marlese Gause, The Friends, Parry Sound
- Lois Kozak, Englehart and District Hospital
- Nancy Jacko, North Bay General Hospital
- Russel Decou, Meals of Wheels, Sudbury
- Rose-Marie Raymond-Simmons, Timiskaming Home Support Services
- Debbie Szymanski, Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital
- Yves Barbeau, Centre de santé communautaire de Kapsukasing et région

The ongoing work of the Working Group and the Steering Committee will guide the planning areas' implementation process.

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Health Literacy – A few words from the North Bay Literacy Council...

More than the ability to read, being health literate means following a health care provider's instructions, taking medication correctly, proper use of medical devices or new technologies and knowing where to go for health care help or advice.

According to the North Bay Literacy Council, low health literacy is dangerous, as people are more likely to make errors with their medication and have difficulty navigating through the health care system – leading to an increase in possible hospitalization.

Health literacy is a shared responsibility between health care providers and patients. Working together to communicate effectively is essential to ensuring health and wellness for all. To learn more about health literacy, please visit

www.northbayliteracycouncil.ca

