

North East LHIN



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Governance News now available online

The latest issue of [Governance News](#) is now posted. This communiqué will provide you with highlights, by sector, of the discussions held during the March 5, 2010 North East LHIN Board of Directors meeting held in North Bay.

Long-standing North Bay Family Physician Appointed to North East LHIN Board

Interim Chair Peter Vaudry and CEO Louise Paquette welcome Dr. Ian Cowan to the North East LHIN Board for a three year term as the Nipissing Planning Area Director.

Dr. Cowan has extensive experience in health care management as Chief of Staff/Board member of a major hospital dealing with resource management, staff, quality of care issues, disaster planning, financial planning, medical human resource issues, program management and new facility planning.

Please visit our [Board of Directors page](#) to read the full biography of Dr. Cowan.

North East LHIN French Language Services Policy

On March 5, 2010, the North East LHIN Board of Directors passed a [French Language Health Services Policy](#). The objective of the policy is to advance the opportunity for Francophones to achieve health and wellness through equitable access to quality health services in French.

Taking a proactive voice, the North East LHIN developed this policy in recognizing the importance of a health system that is guided by equitable access to quality care. The World Health Organization recognizes that both language and culture play essential roles in the provision of health care services. In support of the policy, the

North East LHIN is committed to developing an integrated approach to address French language services, in keeping with the mission statement of *'health and wellness for all'*, and the priorities of our 2010 - 2013 Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP).

Northern Health Forum

The Ontario Rural Council (TORC), in partnership with a number of Sault Ste. Marie organizations is hosting a Northern health forum entitled, 'Transforming Northern Health: Innovations Making a Difference'.

Wednesday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Algoma University, Shingwauk Hall, Sault Ste. Marie

For details and registration please visit www.torc.on.ca or call 519-826-4128.

Five NE LHIN Hospitals achieve mammography accreditation with the Canadian Association of Radiologists

Over the past 15 months, the Siemens Inspiration full field digital mammography unit installed in five hospitals within the Timmins catchment area. As a result, each site achieved mammography accreditation with the Canadian Association of Radiologists. These sites include:

- Kirkland and District Hospital (Kirkland Lake)
- Notre Dame Hospital (Hearst)
- Sensenbrenner Hospital (Kapuskasing)
- Weeneebayko General Hospital (Moose Factory)
- Timmins and District Hospital (Timmins)

The accreditation process guarantees that sites are offering the gold standard of mammography services to their patients; assessing personnel (both technologists and radiologists), equipment (mammography unit) and images to ensure that they meet or exceed the guidelines for breast imaging set by the Canadian Association of Radiologists.

Francophone Network of Health of Northern Ontario launches new website

The Francophone Network is pleased to announce the creation of a website geared to helping the Northern Francophone population who require travelling outside of their region to acquire health care services.

The website will be promoted throughout the North East region March 22nd - March 25th in Temiskaming and Cochrane. Organizations within these areas interested in receiving a presentation on the functionalities of the website are asked to contact Nancy Leduc at (866) 489-7484.

The Francophone Network of Health of Northern Ontario was founded in 2003 following a report to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. The report recommended the implementation of provincial and territorial networks to develop access to health services in French. Seventeen networks were created by the French Health Corporation to improve the health of the Francophone minority in Canada.

