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- [Nathalie Brown](#) and [Mervin Witter](#) attended their first meeting since being appointed to the board on June 2, 2011.
- Anne Pizzacalla, member of the Hamilton Health Sciences Senior Friendly Hospital Steering Committee, and Dr. Sharon Marr, Chair of the Regional Geriatric Program central (RGPC), gave an update on the Senior Friendly Hospital initiative in our LHIN.
- An update on the progress of the implementation of the Clinical Services Plan (CSP) and Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) was provided.
- Donna Cripps, CEO of the HNHB LHIN, presented on the value of LHINs. [Click here](#) to view the presentation or watch it below.

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On June 17, 2011, the Aboriginal Health Network, which includes representatives from Aboriginal health and social services from across the LHIN, came together for a day-long retreat. The retreat began with members planting white pine seeds together; a symbol of unity and peace.

The Network finalized its Terms of Reference and decided one of its priorities for action is children and youth, specifically around mental health and addictions. Children and youth are the fastest growing age groups among Aboriginal communities in our LHIN.

In advancing this priority, two youth will be recruited to join the Network as it recognizes the importance of youth's voice in a strong future.

Access to Telepsychiatry in Fort Erie

Mental illness affects hundreds of thousands of people every year in the HNHB LHIN. The impact is enormous on those experiencing mental illness directly, on their family members, friends and colleagues in the workplace.

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The pilot project involves a live videoconference consultation between a client at the DMH site (with a Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) on hand) and a psychiatrist in Hamilton at SJHH. The client, who is referred to the project by their family physician, can remain in their community while still benefitting from the expertise of a psychiatrist.

The pilot project began April 4, 2011 and is slated to run for six months. Since beginning, seven people have benefitted from the pilot project.

Read the [media release](#) and the [article in Niagara This Week](#).

Investing in Hospital Upgrades

The HNHB LHIN is investing in upgrades to local hospitals to ensure they offer high quality care to local residents.

For 2010-11 Health Infrastructure Renewal Funding (HIRF), the LHIN is investing more than \$5.1 million in hospitals in our communities. For a breakdown of funding by hospital, read the [media release](#).

Hospitals will use these funds for structural upgrades, as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning system improvements, alongside other updates. The upgrades will ensure hospitals comply with health and safety standards, and offer an efficient and safe environment in which to provide patients the best possible care.

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Upcoming Events

Community Events

Thursday, June 23, 2011

[Protect Your Pennies - Free Workshop](#)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton

Thursday, June 23, 2011

[Open House - Life After a Brain Injury](#)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hagersville

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

[HNHB LHIN Board Business Meeting](#)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grimsby

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

[Main Street West Urgent Care Centre Open House](#)

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hamilton

Friday, July 1, 2011

Canada Day

HNHB LHIN Office CLOSED

July 11-15, 2011

[Brain Waves Summer Program for Kids](#)

Brantford

For more community events, [click here.](#)

Health Service Provider Events

July 6, 2011: [Brain Injury Services Lunch n' Learn](#)

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