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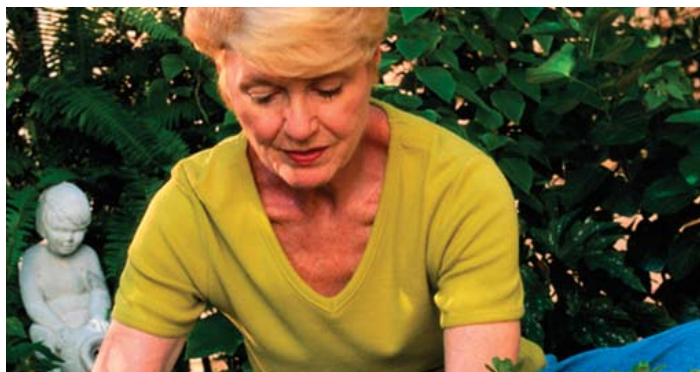
Province announces \$700 million Aging at Home Strategy

\$33,785,000 over 3 years allocated to the NE LHIN

On August 28, the MOHLTC announced the Aging at Home Strategy with an aim to reinforce the ability of community support services to allow seniors to live healthy, independent lives in their own homes. The three-year \$700 million initiative will be led by Local Health Integration Networks, with each LHIN having received a specific funding allocation to meet the needs of their local communities. The breakdown for the NE LHIN allotment is as follows:

2007/08 planning dollars:	\$202,000
2008/09 initial investment:	\$4,290,570
2009/10 base increase:	\$10,662,643
2010/11 base increase:	\$18,831,868
Total:	\$33,785,081

The Aging at Home is strategy will impact how services are delivered. Its goal is to provide more equitable access to health care, matching the needs of local seniors with appropriate supports. These supports could include enhanced home care and community support services such as meals,



transportation, shopping, snow shoveling, friendly home calling, adult day programs, homemaking services and caregiver supports.

Twenty per cent of the three-year funding is for innovative projects. Expectations are that the strategy will offer new possibilities for Ontario's culturally diverse populations and other community-level organizations like service clubs and groups of seniors to help serve themselves.

A tremendous amount of related work and discussions have occurred in the North East over the past few months, including the ALC Task Forces, ALC Summit, CEO Round Tables, and requests for information per the Annual Service Plan process. This work

will be leveraged, and supplemented where necessary so that it can be aligned with the NE LHIN Aging at Home Strategy for 2008/09.

Staff are currently compiling an Interim Service Plan which will speak to the issues and recommendations for a North East strategy. The Plan will be submitted to the MOHLTC by October 31, 2007. Following this time line, the NE LHIN will prepare and submit a detailed implementation plan to the MOHLTC by January 31, 2008. NE LHIN staff will be working directly with the ALC Task Forces and CEO Round Tables to prepare these plans.

For more information, please visit: www.nelhin.on.ca (under "For Health Service Providers").

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Calendar At A Glance

- Oct. 26**
Board of Directors meeting (teleconference)
- Nov. 19**
North Bay (Nipissing) Governance Forum
- Nov. 20**
Sudbury (Manitoulin Sudbury) Governance Forum
- Nov. 26**
Timmins (Cochrane) Governance Forum
- Nov. 27**
SSM (Algoma) Governance Forum
- Nov. 29**
New Liskeard (Timiskaming) Governance Forum
- Dec. 3**
Parry Sound Governance Forum
- Dec. 4 & 5**
Addiction & Mental Health Summit, Radisson Hotel – Sudbury

Governance/Stakeholder Forums: Managing Health Care in a New Environment, Part II - Bringing Health Care Closer to Home



More than 100 people attended the first NE LHIN governance forum held in June, 2007 in North Bay.

Please mark your calendars for a series of forums following the first NE LHIN Governance Forum held in North Bay in June, 2007.

Dates and Locations	Planning Area	Location
Monday, Nov. 19	North Bay (Nipissing)	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Tuesday, Nov. 20	Sudbury (Manitoulin Sudbury)	Holiday Inn
Monday, Nov. 26	Timmins (Cochrane)	Cedar Meadows Resort
Tuesday, Nov. 27	SSM (Algoma)	Algoma's Water Tower Inn
Thursday, Nov. 29	New Liskeard (Timiskaming)	Quality Inn
Monday, Dec. 3	Parry Sound	Quality Inn Hotel & Conference Centre

All Forums will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The forums are tailored to provide health service providers (HSPs), Board Chairs, CEOs, community partners and consumers the opportunity to:

- Provide HSPs and stakeholder representatives with details of the NE LHIN Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP) and an update on the status of its implementation;
- Further discuss with HSPs and stakeholder respective roles and responsibilities within the newly transformed health system;
- Finalize the details related to the Governance and Stakeholder Forums as part of the NE LHIN's annual planning and implementation cycle and;
- Meet with other health care service providers and stakeholders.

More detailed information, including a preliminary program will be posted to www.nelhin.on.ca within the next few weeks. In the meantime, for further information, please contact: monique.rocheleau@lhins.on.ca.

Call for Submissions

Dr. William Sibbald Award for Excellence in Patient Safety

The provincial government has established the Dr. William Sibbald Award for Excellence in Patient Safety to recognize successful patient safety initiatives. The late Dr. Sibbald was a pioneer in critical care medicine and with strongly committed to improving patient safety.

The Dr. William Sibbald Award for Excellence in Patient Safety recognizes excellence and innovation in the development and implementation of patient safety initiatives across the health care system. The \$25,000 award will be granted, annually, to an organization or a collaborative.

Written applications must be received by the Ministry no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2007. The successful applicant will be announced in December 2007.

Inquires and requests for selection criteria should be addressed to: Ms. Michele Sanborn, Manager, Access and Quality Unit, at (416) 326-7285 or michele.sanborn@ontario.ca.

Staff Profile

Phil Kilbertus, Senior Integration Consultant



Prior to joining the North East LHIN, Phil Kilbertus worked in the health care sector for 14 years with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the private sector, and District Health Councils. Phil has participated in numerous local/regional/provincial working groups and project teams, and managed a wide variety of planning processes. He holds a Master of Health Administration from the University of Ottawa. In his current position as the North East LHIN Senior Consultant, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement, Phil is responsible for identifying barriers to integration and coordination, and developing and implementing strategies to promote efficiencies within a high quality health system. He works on developing

partnerships across health care sectors and supporting local health leaders to foster a culture of collaboration to achieve increased system integration.

Recently, Phil kindly sat down with the *North East LHIN News* editor and provided more insight into his work at the North East LHIN.

What do you see as the main challenges of your position?

I am responsible for a large geographic area that is home to hundreds of thousands of people with many different health care needs. At times, it can be difficult to encourage people to think in terms of a system as opposed to individual agencies and sectors. It can also be challenging to balance the many needs and resource requirements equitably across such a vast region with distinct needs both culturally and linguistically.

What do you see as the main opportunities of your position?

My position holds a lot of variety within it and no two days are the same. It is a pleasure to be able to get out and meet and get to know the many people across the region. I am

very fortunate to have the opportunity to travel extensively within the region and see first-hand the beauty of North East Ontario.

What do you hope to achieve in your role as a Senior Consultant at the NE LHIN?

At the end of the day, I want to be able to say that I actively participated in making changes that will lead to better services and better health care for the people of North East Ontario. I also want to continue to raise the awareness of the health care needs of North East Ontario to the province's decision makers and continue to ensure that North East Ontario gets its fair share of the pie.

After NE LHIN hours, how do you like to spend your time?

I love outdoor sports - cycling in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.

Addiction & Mental Health Summit, December 4 & 5 Radisson Hotel Sudbury

The NE LHIN is hosting an Addiction and Mental Health Summit entitled, Integrating Addiction & Mental Health Service Systems. Keynote speaker Dr. David Mee-Lee, MD is a psychiatrist based in Davis, California with over twenty-five years of experience in treatment and program development. His presentation will review the obstacles to integrated services and offer solutions to the clashes between the mental health and addiction treatment cultures.

The Summit's learning objectives are to:

- Identify the major ideological differences that divide addiction and mental health systems
- Describe the negative clinical implications for people with co-occurring disorders
- Apply unifying principles and strategies to resolve fragmentation and improve outcomes

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NE LHIN and the Aboriginal File



Gertie Mai Muise joined the NE LHIN in July, 2007. She is responsible for engaging Aboriginal/First Nation/Métis HSP's within the NE LHIN, assisting in the planning of Aboriginal health services, advising on program integration opportunities, and helping to ensure provincial programs and services are culturally appropriate. She is also the Planning Integration and Community Engagement Consultant for the James and Hudson Bay Planning Area.

Gertie Mai is Mi'kmaq, Thunder Clan originally from Bay St. George, Newfoundland. She has been working within the Aboriginal healing movement in Ontario for over 13 years, and brings with her extensive experience in Aboriginal health policy, research, program planning, development

and advocacy with First Nations, Métis and Inuit populations. She has worked with the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, Native Women's Association of Canada, and Assembly of First Nations and with the departments of health at the Federal and Provincial levels.

Gertie Mai holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Business Administration Certificate from Memorial University of Newfoundland and is a Certified Holistic Health Practitioner.

Over the next several months, Gertie will be involved in the development of the Local Aboriginal Health Planning Entities. The NE LHIN intends to lay a foundation for the development of a respectful, inclusive and productive dialogue between Aboriginal groups in the NE LHIN. In this manner, together, access to health services, quality of care and the health status of the Aboriginal population can be improved.

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Single Health-Care System Agreement Paves the Way For The Weeneebayko Area Health Authority

On Moose Factory Island, on August 31, a tri-party agreement was signed by the province, federal government and local leaders to help improve the health of the James Bay Aboriginal communities by paving the way for the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority.

The agreement saw the merger of the federal Weeneebayko General Hospital and the provincial James Bay General Hospital .

The Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) integrates provincially funded health programs such as acute care emergency, dialysis, diabetes, community mental health and physician services with federally funded First Nation health programs such as primary care and community health services.

The new Weeneebayko Area Health Authority will serve the 11,000 residents of this coastal area.

A signed copy of the Agreement is available on the James Bay Hospital website at: www.jbgh.org.



Smart Systems Health Agency

An extensive list of free technological resources for health providers ...

Smart Systems Health Agency (SSHA) is an agency of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. They offer health care providers products and services that allow them to share information electronically and improve patient care. Their client list includes: hospitals, continuing care agencies, pharmacies, physicians, labs, public health and provincial systems.

SSHA's products and services are free for publicly-funded health care organizations and professionals, and include:

- ONE Network -- A telecommunications network built for health care needs.
- ONE ID -- The systems and process that allow health care professionals to access applications and

services operated by SSHA.

- ONE Mail -- Specifically designed to meet the needs of health care professionals who send patient information.
- ONE Pages -- The searchable directly of ONE users.
- ONE Portal -- SSHA's service to create and host portals.
- ONE support -- SSHA's help desk for clients to ensure high quality standards of product and service availability.
- ONE hosting -- SSHA data centres host computer equipment for clients, allowing them to offer software applications across Ontario.
- Privacy and security -- Improving the protection of personal health information

is an essential responsibility of the SSHA.

- Electronic Health Record -- SSHA is pursuing the long-term goal of creating an EHR to allow health care professionals to access patient's histories.

SSHA has been a key partner in the development of the Northern Ontario Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Blueprint (Phases 1 and 2) and associated Tactical Plan that was completed in July 2007. The Northern ICT planning project is a collaborative effort of the NE LHIN, NW LHIN, ONE-health, MOHLTC and FedNor. More than 450 health care organizations and 1,350 individual practitioners have contributed to the project which has allowed for the

development of the most comprehensive health system-wide Information and Communication Technology Blueprint in Ontario!

With the newly established joint North East and North West LHIN project management office, collaboration with SSHA and all ICT stakeholders will only increase.

For more information on the ICT, please contact : Philip Kilbertus at: Philip.kilbertus@lhins.on.ca.

For more information on the SSHA, please visit : www.ssha.on.ca.



Board of Directors Convened Monthly Meeting in Timmins

The nine member NE LHIN Board of Directors met in Timmins during the last week of September. Following a site visit and tour of the Timmins District Hospital and an information presentation from the Centre de santé communautaire du Temiskaming, the Board held its open public meeting on Friday, September 28.

Meeting Highlights:

- Tom Laughren, Mayor of the City of Timmins gave a presentation on the need for long term care beds in the City of Timmins.
- The Northern Ontario e-Health Information and Communication

Technology (ICT) Tactical Plan (Phase 3) was unanimously accepted and members approved the creation of a Project Management Office (PMO) to move the ICT forward.

- Board members inquired about the budgeting process for health service providers for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. This year marks the first time health service providers across the region will submit their operating budgets to the North East LHIN for ratification and approval. Board members and North East LHIN administration expressed the need to ensure all health service provider budgets are balanced

before full approval is granted. Deficit budgets will not be approved by the North East LHIN and communication efforts to raise the awareness of this new budget approach will increase over the next six months.

- Board members were informed of the successful admission of three health service provider individuals within the NE LHIN to the Rotman School of Management Advanced Health Leadership Program. John Stenger, Chief Financial Officer at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake, Peter Istvan, Director of Corporate Services for the West Parry Sound

Health Centre, and Ben Petersen, Vice President and CFO for Hôpital Régionale de Sudbury Regional Hospital were three of the 42 successful applicants to participate in this provincially funded leadership program. The Rotman School of Management chose the 42 candidates from over 200 applications.

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on October 26. The toll free numbers will be posted to www.nelhin.on.ca in the coming weeks.

NE LHIN Staff, Ready to Serve you...

Staff of the NE LHIN are responsible for providing leadership in addressing the local health care needs of the many communities of North East Ontario. A staff member is assigned to each of the seven geographic planning areas. Please contact the individual assigned to your area with any questions, comments, concerns or information you may have that will help to better serve you.

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