

Governance News

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

NE LHIN Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, June 26, 2009 (Sudbury)

The NE LHIN held its June Board of Directors meeting in Sudbury at Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) on Friday, June 26.

The meeting was the first meeting for Interim Board Chair, **Peter Vaudry**. The NE LHIN's inaugural Chair, **Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet**, completed her term on June 9, 2009. Peter Vaudry, long-standing NE LHIN Board member is now filling the role of Interim Chair.

Peter has been serving the Board of Directors and the Algoma Planning Area since May, 2006. He has been Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Governance Committee since joining the Board.

Peter is a retired steelworker who worked with Algoma Steel for 37 years. His past community involvement includes the Ontario Division Chair of the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as a past board member of Cancer Care Ontario and Sault Area Hospital. Peter also served two terms as a Councillor (1997-2003) for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. He is currently a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Ontario Division of The Canadian Cancer Society, is Treasurer of the Barrier Free in Algoma Association and is active in Sault Ste. Marie as a community volunteer.

The following is a summary of major items discussed on June 26, 2009.

Presentation from Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) -- Hospital Improvement Plan

The Board received a presentation from the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) which outlined their 2009/10 – 2010/11 **Hospital Improvement Plan**. The plan outlines how the hospital will manage its projected \$12 million operating deficit for 2009 which is expected to increase to \$16 million by then end of 2010. It also details how the hospital will trim \$6 million from operations this year and \$10 million next year after it moves from three sites to one and achieves a balanced budget within two years.

The NE LHIN Board acknowledged receipt of the plan and confirmed that it will now review and analyze it before it is brought back to the Board in August.

The Board also confirmed the following, further to the presentation by the Sudbury ALC Community Steering Group on May 29, 2009 and the proposed options for keeping the hospital's Memorial site open on an interim basis to care for ALC patients:

- The NE LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care are continuing with their analysis of the three options presented on May 29.
- Patient safety and quality care for patients are paramount and a solution will be in place prior to the transfer of any patients to the new hospital.
- All parties continue to work hard at finding a solution – the NE LHIN, Ministry, hospital. The discussions continue in earnest and will continue until a solution is found.

- The analysis is being done with the following in mind:
 - ALC is a community issue. It requires the input, collaboration and coordination of every aspect of the community: hospital, municipal government, CCAC, provincial government, etc.
 - Initiatives of the Sudbury ALC Community Steering Group that are targeted at reducing ALC numbers are underway and the NE LHIN will continue to support these initiatives such as: ALC Wrap Around Services, 24 Transitional Beds, Aging at Home projects, Nurse-led Outreach Team.
 - The Opening of Chelmsford LTCH and re-opening of Pioneer Manor are critical components of any solution.

Voluntary Integration of Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) and St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto

The Board accepted the voluntary integration of the two organizations noted above.

Both organizations will establish a model of collaborative service delivery and enhance access to tertiary trauma care for severely injured patients of North East Ontario whose needs exceed the resources available at HRSRH. The initial MOU is for a period of two years.

Memorandum of Understanding Between North East LHIN and North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN – Muskoka Algonquin Health Care

The Board approved a MOU which outlines how the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAH), a health service provider funded by the NSM LHIN which provides services in the NE LHIN through its Burk's Falls and District Health Centre, will work together to fulfil their respective obligations should the MAH propose service changes that may affect the provision of services to patients within the NE LHIN.

A copy of the full board package can be downloaded from www.nelhin.on.ca. Minutes of Friday's meeting will be brought forward for Board approval at its next meeting, scheduled for August 28, 2009.

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