

Governance News

September 3, 2009

Interim Board Chair, Peter Vaudry chaired the August 28 NE LHIN Board of Directors meeting via teleconference and videoconference. The videoconference was a pilot with the hope that future meetings could take advantage of this option and help to decrease travel costs related to Board meetings.

The following is a summary of major items discussed on August 28, 2009.

Funding Approved to Increase Supportive Housing Capacity for Independence Centre and Network (ICAN)

The Board approved funding in the amount of \$200,000 to ICAN further to their proposal to expand their supportive housing program for seniors with physical disabilities who are in hospital, face the prospect of hospitalization or who are inappropriate for long term care homes. The funding will allow ICAN to fill 12 new supportive housing apartments at the newly constructed Raiffeisen Non Profit Housing complex in Sudbury.

ICAN will now work in partnership with the North East CCAC and the Sudbury Regional Hospital to make the tenant selections for the new units.

File Updates from NE LHIN Interim CEO, Terry Tilleczeck

Sudbury Regional Hospital – Memorial Site

Senior Management has met on a number of occasions over the summer months to address questions from MOHLTC regarding the options put forward by the Sudbury Community ALC Steering Group. A decision is pending.

Sault Area Hospital

The NE LHIN has been reviewing the Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP) over the summer. The HIP was received by the NE LHIN with an identified deficit (i.e. plan did not arrive at a balanced budget position) and as a result NE LHIN is currently in discussion with MOHLTC regarding the ongoing deficit position of SAH. Given that the HIP did not include a recommendation to close Matthews Memorial Hospital; all inquiries with regards to this deferred recommendation should be directed to the Sault Area Hospital.

Rattlesnake Antivenom Management and Distribution

The LHIN and the Ministry continue to work on a long term solution for the distribution and management of the rattlesnake antivenom.

Great Northern Nursing Centre

An extension to the Cease to Admit order has been granted until September 4th, 2009.

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre of Sudbury

St. Joseph's Health Centre continues to work with Sudbury Regional Hospital to finalize the administrative transfer agreement between the two organizations. Sixteen of the Centre's thirty-two beds need remain vacant. Work continues on identifying the final 16 patients.

Community Lab Services – Pilot Review

The MOHLTC recently completed a review of 12 laboratory pilot projects across the province. The NE LHIN has two pilot projects; West Parry Sound Health Centre and Temiskaming Hospital. MOHLTC has requested that the LHINs partner with the hospitals to engage in the transitional planning process as follow-up to the recommendations resulting from the MOHLTC review. The MOHLTC has requested that the Temiskaming Hospital process being first, and then WPSHC will follow.

Integrated Health Services Plan

Community engagement continues. Two forums are planned: Francophone Forum on September 22, and a Governance Forum on October 5.

Aging at Home Approvals

38 approval letters have been issued for the Year 2 projects acknowledged by the MOHLTC. We are working to finalize our amended project proposals for the Wraparound programs (8 projects). We hope to have this submitted to MOHLTC by September 4.

Surgical Optimization Study – Implementation Plan

Sub-committee met on August 25th to scope out a critical path for the implementation of the recommendations. Priorities will be set taking into consideration early wins and funding. Implementation will be tied into the HAPS discussions as appropriate.

ER/ALC Stocktake Report

Next meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister is scheduled for September 3 2009.

WAHA

Meeting with the Chiefs was cancelled by Ministry. The Integration Team will be meeting on Sept 17th and Oct 8th to finalize the budget for WAHA. The lawyers and CEOs will be meeting on Sept 11th to finalize the transfer agreement and confidentiality agreement.

eHealth

The NE LHIN is applying for four streams of activity planned for this fiscal year in support of the provincial eHealth Strategy, including: (1) Integration Services; (2) ALC Resource Matching and Referral; (3) Physician eHealth plans; and (4) Implementation and Adoption.

Communications

During the month of August, 2572 people visited our website and undertook 11,260 page views. Summer newsletter, two ebulletins and daily new postings to www.nelhin.on.ca have occurred.

Wikwemikong Nursing Home

Effective August 24, 2009 the CCAC will begin accepting admissions to the Nursing Home again. This will follow a graduated process as the home continues to work on the compliance issues identified.

Burk's Falls and District Health Centre

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare conducted a series of community engagement activities in June and North Simcoe LHIN is awaiting a summary report on these engagements. These are to be posted on their website upon receipt. Burk's Falls District Health Centre has closed its urgent care service however the physicians continue to have regular office hours for the delivery of primary care. Patients who require emergency services are transported directly to Huntsville via ambulance. The seven beds remain open and are filled with ALC patients. An external review of the operations of the MAH will be undertaken and the NSM LHIN is hoping to have a final decision on the improvement plan by the end of the calendar year. Total projected deficit at MAH is \$4.1M for this fiscal year.

Hospital Service Accountability Agreements (HSAA)

A presentation was provided on the 2010-2012 HAPS/HSAA by Martha Auchinleck, Senior Director Performance, Contract and Allocations. The MOHLTC released the Hospital Accountability Planning Submission (HAPS) guidelines in mid August (www.nelhin.on.ca). Several significant changes from the 2008/09 Guidelines are noted, including: that governance level of health service provider organizations are asked to play a larger role and to work collaboratively with fellow hospitals and health service provider board in order to achieve efficiencies and explore integration opportunities.

Within the NE LHIN, hospitals were asked to form partnerships to facilitate discussions between themselves and to support a collaborative, informed process in the development of their HAPS. The four HAPS partnerships were formed earlier this summer based on referral patterns and historical relationships. They are an integral part of the HAPS process as they will ensure that when a service change is considered, relevant partners are informed of the potential change and have an opportunity to engage in discussion.

[For more information on HAPS, click here](#)

Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA)

2009 marks the first year that LHINs are required (under LHSIA) to negotiate accountability agreements with long-term care homes. Within the NE LHIN, there are 40 long-term care homes. The LAPS (Long-Term Care Accountability Planning Submission) guidelines are expected to be released by the MOHLTC later in September. All agreements will need to be negotiated by March 31, 2010. Further details will be posted to www.nelhin.on.ca as they become available.

Voluntary Integration of Mnaadmodzawin Health Services Inc. and M'Chigeeng First Nation

A motion was passed to approve the voluntary integration of Mnaadmodzawin Health Services Inc. and M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Board News

- Johanne Labonté is stepping down from the NE LHIN Board of Directors for personal reasons.
- Randy Kapashesit was appointed Interim Chair of the Audit Committee.
- Marc Dumont was appointed Interim Vice-Chair of the Board.
- Brenda Roseborough was appointed as the NE LHIN Board of Directors representative to the Health Professional Advisory Committee (HPAC).

On September 26, NE LHIN Interim Chair, Peter Vaudry, will meet with the Chairs of the four large hospitals, North East Community Care Access Centre and the Northeast Mental Health Centre to discuss the 2010-2012 HAPS process and the creation of the four HAPS partnerships, health care from a governance perspective, the role of governance in the implementation of the NE LHIN Integration Strategy, and how to move forward cohesively. More information on Board-to Board discussions will follow in the near future.

Next Meeting

Cochrane, September 25.

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

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