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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES IN HEALTH

Special Edition: Advisory Teams Update

Community members and health professionals helping achieve priorities identified in the northwest.

Advisory Teams and Working Groups

The North West Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) *Integrated Health Services Plan* (IHSP) outlines priorities for the next three years. A number of teams and groups will now be working with the LHIN to help achieve a more integrated health system to support the needs of the people in the northwest.

Over 160 expressions of interest were received from across the region in response to our call for volunteers. The North West LHIN saw an opportunity to put the talents of all of these individuals to work. In addition to the Advisory Teams, Communities of Interest and Working Groups are being struck. They will work together to help the LHIN address the priority areas identified in the IHSP.

IHSP priorities for change

- Access to Care
 - Access to Primary Health Care
 - Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
 - Access to Specialty Care
 - Access to Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Long-Term Care Services
- Integration of Services Along the Continuum of Care
- Engagement with Aboriginal People
- Ensuring French Language Services
- Integration of e-Health
- Regional Health Human Resources (HHR) Plan

Team Membership

Membership for the Advisory Teams was finalized using a series of matrices to ensure the following characteristics were considered within each team and across all teams.

- Geography
- Provider profession
(to ensure mix of professions across teams)
- Consumer experience
- Aboriginal
- Francophone
- Setting experience
(community, long-term care, acute care, public health, education, etc.)
- Skills as identified in expressions of interest

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North West LHIN's Mission and Vision

The Board of Directors has developed the following Mission and Vision for the North West LHIN to provide direction and guide our activities as we work with our partners in the northwest.

Mission

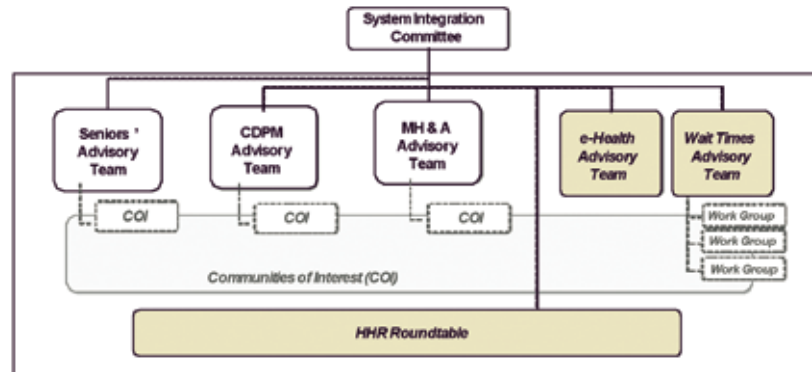
Develop an innovative, sustainable and efficient health system in service to the health and wellness of the people of the North West LHIN

Vision

Healthier people, a strong health system – our future.

Structure of Teams

The following diagram outlines the interrelations and structure of the teams which will be working with the North West LHIN.



System Integration Committee

The System Integration Committee will provide strategic advice on health system innovation, change and integration to the North West LHIN Senior Leadership Team, considering recommendations and findings of all Advisory Teams.

Advisory Teams

The Advisory Teams will provide advice to the North West LHIN on the planning and implementation of comprehensive services within the context of the *Integrated Health Services Plan* (IHSP). Most Teams will have a Community of Interest and/or Working Group(s) to support their work.

Communities of Interest

The Communities of Interest will be comprised of individuals from various communities, backgrounds, sectors or areas of practice who are a resource to an Advisory Team(s). Opportunities for their involvement may include:

- Engagement in specific working groups, or focused discussions.
- Participation in surveys for ideas or suggestions.
- Consultation related to specific issues/projects.

Working Groups

Working Groups will support a specific initiative(s) of an Advisory Team. An example is the Cataract Working Group of the Wait Times Advisory Team.

Health Human Resources Roundtable

This group will serve as an enabler to the Teams and the work of the LHIN, identifying and supporting innovative models of service delivery and aligning with the work of HealthForceOntario.

Activity to Date

The following groups have attended an inaugural meeting:

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Advisory Team
- Health Human Resources Roundtable
- Wait Times Working Groups

Groups that will meet in the fall include:

- Mental Health and Addictions Services Advisory Team*
- Seniors' Services Advisory Team
- Wait Times Advisory Team*
- e-Health Advisory Team*
- System Integration Committee*

*Membership to be finalized.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Advisory Team

Lead: Heather Gray, Senior Consultant, Planning and Integration, North West LHIN

Team Members

Janet Gordon, *Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority*
Janine Black, *Thunder Bay District Health Unit*
Jonah Dupuis, *Rexall Pharmacy (Nipigon)*
Katherine Campbell, *Dryden Area Family Health Team*
Lori Marshall, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Marlis Bruyere, *Gizhewaadiziwin Health (Fort Frances)*
Dr. Teresa O'Driscoll, *Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre*
Diane Hiscox, *Northwestern Ontario Regional Stroke Program*
Lori Wilson, *North West Community Care Access Centre (Fort Frances)*
Scott Sellick, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Sandra Jordan, *Dilico Ojibway Child and Family Services (Nipigon)*
Susan Fairservice, *North Shore Family Health Team*
Mary Wrigley, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Barb Adams, *NorWest Community Health Centre*
Mieke Busman, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Dr. Robert Algie, *Fort Frances Family Health Team*
Peggy Lewis, *Wilson Memorial Hospital and Northern Diabetes Health Network*

Seniors' Services Advisory Team

Lead: Karen Ingebrigtsen, Senior Consultant, Planning and Integration, North West LHIN

Team Members

Laurie Macdonald, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Carol Neff, *Wesway*
Janet Skinner, *Canadian National Institute for the Blind*
Sonja Habjan, *Centre for Education & Research on Aging & Health, Lakehead University*
Paula Donylyk, *North West Community Care Access Centre*
Sharon Sidlar, *Thunder Bay citizen*

Jim Tooke, *Kenora citizen*

Robert Botham, *Atikokan Community Counselling Services*

Heather Liscomb, *Geraldton citizen*

Sandy Skirten, *Canadian Mental Health Association (Fort Frances)*

Robert Wilson, *Atikokan General Hospital*

Kim Morgan, *Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay*

Laurie Sherrington, *Ontario Telemedicine Network*

Heather Kibzey, *Thunder Bay citizen*

Paulina Chow, *St. Joseph's Care Group*

Betty Chambers, *Dorion citizen*

Anita Jean, *NorWest Community Health Centre*

Health Human Resources Roundtable

Lead: Kristin Shields, Senior Consultant, Planning and Community Engagement, North West LHIN

Team Members

Darlene Furlong, *Dryden Regional Health Centre*
Dr. Stephen Arif, *Atikokan Family Health Team*
Kirsti Reinikka, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Gerry V. Martin, *Aboriginal Recruitment Coordination Office*
Jocelyn Bourgoin, *Manitouwadge General Hospital*
Andrew G. Skene, *Dryden citizen*
Debbie Sargent, *Confederation College*
Lyn Button, *First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - Health Canada*
Doug Demeo, *St. Joseph's Care Group*
Diane Quintas, *Réseau francophone de santé du Nord de l'Ontario*
Ian Newhouse, *Lakehead University*
Dr. Marie-Pierre Carpentier, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*

Wait Times Total Joint Working Group

Lead: Ian Ritchie, *Community Care Manager, North West Community Care Access Centre*

Team Members

Caroline Fanti, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Dr. Claude Cullinan, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Dr. John Porter, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Hilary McIver, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Marlene Ryan, *Dryden Regional Health Centre*
Cindy Cole, *Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. (Fort Frances)*
Mario Audet, *The McCausland Hospital (Terrace Bay)*

Wait Times Diagnostic Imaging (CT/MRI) Working Group

Lead: Joanne Lacourciere, Director, Diagnostic Imaging, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

Team Members

Tina Oberg, *Dryden Regional Health Centre*
Patti Johnson, *Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. (Fort Frances)*
Kathryn Hughes, *North West Community Care Access Centre*
Lori Wilson, *North West Community Care Access Centre*
Sonia June Hill, *Lake of the Woods District Hospital (Kenora)*

Wait Times Cataract Working Group

Lead: Lesley Brown, Assistant Executive Director, Patient Care Services, Lake of the Woods District Hospital

Team Members

Dr. Chris Francis, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Joanne St. Germain, *Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre*
Paul Paradis, *Wilson Memorial General Hospital (Marathon)*
Jill Pascoe, *Wilson Memorial General Hospital (Marathon)*

Future LHIN Activities

Be sure to check out our website at www.northwestlhin.on.ca for ongoing information about upcoming forums, events and other opportunities for involvement with the North West LHIN.

Currently, we are establishing a Health Professionals Advisory Committee (HPAC). An expression of interest form and other information is available on our website under the “Get Involved” tab. The deadline for expressions of interest is **Friday, September 28, 2007**.

If you have comments or ideas for future issues, please contact Kelly Arnold at 684-9425 ext. 2030 or kelly.arnold@lhins.on.ca

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