

Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the Tuesday, January 26, 2010 Meeting Thunder Bay

Emergency Department/Alternate Level of Care (ED/ALC) Strategy Update

The following performance update was provided based on October 2009/10 data:

- 9 out of 10 patients with complex conditions are either admitted to hospital or leave the emergency department within 10.1 hours; the target is 8 hours or less.
- 9 out of 10 patients with minor conditions leave the emergency department within 4.3 hours; the target is 4 hours or less.
- 9% of all patients who are seen in the ED are admitted
- The North West LHIN ranks 6th lowest provincially for overall ED wait times
- In the first quarter of 2009/10 the North West LHIN achieved its target of ALC days at 13.18%.

Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA) Performance – Wait Times

According to results from October – December 2009, the North West LHIN has met MLAA targets for cancer and cataract surgeries and CT scans. The LHIN is outside of the MLAA target for hip and knee surgeries. The report also shows that although MRI wait times targets weren't met, the LHIN's performance is much better than the provincial average.

(see above for Emergency Department and Alternate Level of Care information)

Moderate Surge Capacity Plan

The North West LHIN has completed its Moderate Surge Capacity Plan outlining how critical care services in the region will respond in the event of a major event, like a pandemic. The next steps will be to host education sessions with the hospitals and to organize a test of the plan.

Voluntary Integration

A voluntary integration proposal relating to mental health services provided by Thunder Bay Counselling Centre (TBCC) was presented to the Board. As a result of the proposal, TBCC will have a direct funding and accountability relationship with the North West LHIN effective April 1, 2010 for these services as opposed to the current arrangement whereby funding is provided to St. Joseph's Care Group. The Board passed a motion to not oppose the integration proposal.

Funding Update – HSP Funding

The North West LHIN has identified \$1.2-million in 2009/10 funding that is available for redistribution (pending the receipt of all outstanding allocations from the Ministry). In order to be sure any surpluses are

distributed in a fair and transparent manner, the LHIN issued a Call for Submissions for one-time funding for initiatives from health service providers that meet various criteria. The LHIN will also consider funding specific initiatives that address its priorities like reducing emergency department and alternate level of care pressures.

Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) Update

The LHINs are extending the 2008-2010 H-SAAs with their hospitals for one year. There is no word yet on when the provincial government will be announcing its 2010/11 budget. The North West LHIN met with all of its hospitals and the North West Community Care Access Centre to talk about integration opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the health system.

Chair's Report

Highlights included:

- The North West LHIN Board has a vacancy coming up in June 2010. An ad is being placed soon to recruit a new Director to fill the position. Formal orientation of the board's two newest members, Dianne Miller and Gary Phillips, will occur over the next few months.
- Jan Beazley, Chair; Gwen DuBois-Wing, CEO; and Andy Gallardi, Senior Director, met with the Northern Ontario Municipal Association board of directors to discuss non-urgent transportation issues.

CEO's Report

Highlights included:

- Each LHIN has been asked to invite 10 people to attend an Integration Consensus Conference in February which will include the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the LHINs and health service providers. Response from the North West LHIN partners has been good.
- Discussions are taking place to arrange for Mr. Goran Henriks, Chief Executive of Learning and Innovation at the Qulturum in the County Council of Jonkoping, Sweden to speak in the North West LHIN about quality improvement in June.

Audit and Finance Committee

Directors Gary Phillips and Dianne Miller were appointed to the Audit and Finance Committee, which will bring this committee to its full complement of members.

Statement of Financial Position

The North West LHIN is forecasting a \$265,000 surplus for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

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