

Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the June 23, 2009 Meeting

Mental Health & Addictions (MH&A) 10 Year Strategy Survey

The North West LHIN helped collect input from mental health and addictions providers, families and consumers in preparation for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's 10 year MH&A Strategy. The information will also be used to inform the North West LHIN's second *Integrated Health Services Plan*. A Minister's MH&A Summit is taking place this summer with health service providers and consumers from across Ontario.

Integrated Health Services Plan 2010-2013

Work is progressing on the North West LHIN's second *Integrated Health Services Plan*, which will identify the priorities for health system improvement in the northwest for the three years 2010-2013, along with 3-year plans and measures. A draft will be reviewed with stakeholders in the fall. The final report will be released late in the year.

Long-Term Care (LTC) Renewal Strategy

The Ministry has announced plans to upgrade all LTC beds over the next 15 years that don't meet current Ministry design standards. In Phase One this year, the North West LHIN is expected to be allocated 110 beds. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2009.

Aboriginal Planning and CE

The North West LHIN is establishing an Aboriginal Health Services Advisory Committee to provide advice on the health needs and priorities of the Aboriginal people and communities in the LHIN and health services delivery issues. A call for applications for membership will be going out soon.

The Summary Report of the *2009 Aboriginal Health Forum: Pathways for Collaboration* is complete and will be widely circulated to stakeholders shortly.

ER/ALC Update

A new provincial ALC definition is to take effect July 1, 2009. The North West LHIN and other LHINs are expecting ALC numbers to rise when this happens, as ALC reporting will be changing.

The LHIN continues to monitor and analyze of the status of ALC in the region weekly.

Performance Measurement - Wait Times

According to results from the 1st quarter 2009/10, the North West LHIN has met Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA) targets for cancer surgery, cataract surgery, hip replacement, and MRI and CT scans. The LHIN is outside of the MLAA target for knee replacement surgery. With respect to cancer surgery, cataract surgery, MRI and CT wait times, the report shows the LHIN is outperforming the provincial average and the provincial target.

For system integration indicators, the results from the 3rd quarter 2008/09 shows the LHIN did not meet the target for the rate of Emergency Department visits and the hospitalization rates for ambulatory sensitive conditions. The LHIN was outside of the performance corridor with respect to Alternate Level of Care (ALC). Wait Times for acute myocardial infarctions has been removed from the Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement and will no longer be reported.

Chair's Report

- The Board met with the consultant which facilitated the Governance-to-Governance sessions to discuss the results of the meetings. This information will be used by the Board in its strategy-setting.
- The Chair and a Senior Director attended the Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting to discuss the LHIN and its activities. Mental Health and Addictions and transportation were raised as areas of concern for the Mayors/Reeves.
- (Kenora) Lake of the Woods District Hospital's team has completed its work on the recommendations of the 3rd party review, initiated by the LHIN to help the hospital balance its budget. The review included a number of short, medium and long-term recommendations. The joint steering committee set up by the hospital and the North West LHIN is no longer required.
- The Board is waiting to hear back regarding its recommendation for two candidates to fill the Thunder Bay vacancies on the North West LHIN Board. Advertisements have been running in the Kenora District regarding an additional board member vacancy.
- The North West LHIN Board will not be meeting during July or August. Its next meeting is on September 9, 2009.

CEO Report

- The North West LHIN was one of six LHINs featured at a recent Aging at Home symposium titled *Connecting the Dots in Ontario and Beyond*. Wesway and Alzheimers Society Thunder Bay presented on their Respite and First Link programs, respectively, to Ministry policy makers, service providers, consumers and international speakers.
- The Ministry has announced it is establishing 19 new Family Health Teams in Ontario and is inviting applications from the North West LHIN and 7 other LHINs.