

Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the Tuesday, October 27, 2009 Meeting Sioux Lookout, ON

Integrated Health Services Plan 2 (IHSP2)

The Board approved the North West LHIN's second *Integrated Health Services Plan* for 2010-2013. The IHSP2 is scheduled to be released on November 30th.

Aging at Home Strategy Year One - Status Report

The North West LHIN announced 10 projects in year one of the strategy, representing a \$1,046,673 investment. Of the projects, three have exceeded their service targets, three have achieved their service targets, two are progressing toward their service targets and two are being monitored.

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

Data as of mid-October shows Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is facing challenges admitting emergency patients to hospital beds because of the number of ALC patients. The ALC patients are finished their acute care and are either waiting in hospital for transfer to rehab or long-term care beds, or waiting for necessary support services to be arranged for them before they are discharged home. System partners are meeting to discuss and examine opportunities to improve patient flow.

Chair's Report

- The LHIN Chairs have already briefly met with the new Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Deb Matthews. She has indicated that ED/ALC and wait times remain provincial priorities to improving the health system.
- LHIN Chairs will be communicating with the board chairs of hospitals and Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) about the importance of meeting the ED/ALC and wait times targets.

CEO Report

- The Northwest is going to be well represented at the *Innovations in Health Care Expo* taking place November 18th in Toronto. Fifteen applicants have been invited to set up a booth at the event and share information about their innovative program or service with the Expo attendees. They will also be considered for awards. The LHINs will have booths at the event as well. The North West LHIN will feature our *Share Your Story, Shape Your Care* community engagement initiative that recently won an international award from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).
- Many are asking **what the North West LHIN's role is in a H1N1/Flu pandemic**. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Northwestern Health Unit are the primary Leads with regards to

planning and communication on H1N1 and the seasonal flu. The North West LHIN's role will be to work with health service providers that are experiencing capacity issues or need some type of coordination or support where the LHIN can be involved. The LHIN is also involved in critical care surge capacity planning. The North West LHIN, in collaboration with the Thunder Bay District and Northwestern Health Units, recently hosted a videoconference for primary care physicians and providers that provided the latest information on H1N1 planning from the provincial level and from the two Health Units in the LHIN.

Governance and Nominations Committee Report

The appointments of the three proposed candidates for the North West LHIN Board vacancies are still in the processing stage. The Chair is being kept up-to-date regarding the status of these appointments.

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

According to results from July – September 2009, the North West LHIN has met MLAA targets for cataract surgery and hip replacement surgery. The LHIN is outside of the MLAA target for cancer surgery, knee surgeries, MRIs and CT scans. With respect to cancer and cataract surgery, MRI and CT wait times, the report shows the LHIN's actual performance is better than the provincial average.

For system integration indicators between January and March 2009, the LHIN was outside of the performance corridor with respect to ALC, but was better than the provincial average. The target for long-term care waits wasn't met, but was within the performance corridor.

Emergency Department Wait Times between January and March 2009 show the target for admitted patients wasn't met but was within the performance corridor.

2010 Schedule of Board Meetings

The following dates have been established for North West LHIN Board of Directors meetings in 2010:

- Tuesday, January 26
- Tuesday, February 23
- Tuesday, March 23
- Tuesday, May 11 (in the region – location TBD)
- Tuesday, June 22
- Wednesday, September 8
- Tuesday, October 19 (in the region – location TBD)
- Friday, December 10