North East LHIN Driving Social Housing Innovations through Partnerships

Sherry Frizzell (centre), Director of Home and Community at the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) presented at the **Driving Social Housing** Innovations Through **Partnerships** *Innovation Forum* on Wednesday, June 7. Other presenters included Donna Stewart (left), Director of **Integrated Social** Services with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board. and Marion Quigley (right), CEO of the



Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Sudbury-Manitoulin.

At this Forum held in North Bay, a cross section of stakeholders came together to learn and exchange ideas and practices about social housing partnerships and solutions for their communities. The event was co-hosted in partnership with the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and the Housing Services Corporation.

Sherry spoke about how the LHIN worked with many partners, including the CMHA and NOSDA to create an *Innovative Housing with Health Supports in Northeastern Ontario Strategic Plan: 2016-2019*, which recognizes housing as a social determinant of health. The LHIN is currently working with the eight District Social Service Administration Boards and municipalities across the region to move ahead with the strategy's recommendations. The LHIN has worked with diverse partners to create stable housing for seniors and people with mental health and addiction challenges.

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