

First meeting to develop a Northeastern Ontario dementia strategy to improve care for older Northerners



Shown participating in the North East LHIN Dementia Strategy kick-off meeting are Dr. Dallas Seitz, Provincial Physician Lead for Dementia Capacity Planning with Nicole Haley, CEO of Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre, and Frankie Vitone, Senior Director of Care Coordination for the North East Community Care Access.

June 29, 2016 – Northeastern dementia care providers and people with lived experience came together to begin work on a first-ever North East Dementia Strategy. The NE LHIN Dementia Steering Committee is responding to the region’s sizeable growth in seniors (from 20% of the population now – 115,000, to 27% in 10 years - 151,000). Along with aging Northerners is a projected increase in people with dementia. Aligned with NE LHIN priorities to improve access to care and coordination, the committee is working to improve the system of care for people living with dementia, their families and caregivers. Work to develop the strategy will identify issues and gaps for people living with dementia and their caregivers; strengthen collaboration between organizations providing dementia services; and increase education on where and how people can access dementia services within Northeastern Ontario.

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