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North East LHIN Announces Members of its First Patient and Family Advisory Committee

October 17, 2017 -- The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) is pleased to announce that 16 Northerners have accepted positions on the LHIN's first-ever Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC).

The Northeastern Ontario Committee will meet for the first time at the end of October and will begin its important mandate of providing advice to the NE LHIN on how to better the patient experience across the NE LHIN. In addition, it will advise on engagement and communication with patients, their friends and families, leading to improved patient and health system outcomes.



“We are very excited to begin working with our Patient and Family Advisory Committee,” said Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO of the NE LHIN. “These 16 amazing Northerners bring a collective wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. They were chosen from a pool of 75 high calibre Northerners – all of whom want to actively participate in building a stronger system of care in Northeastern Ontario. We are fortunate to have their lived experience and perspectives contribute to our NE LHIN decision making.”

Committee members include (and please see [attached backgrounder](#)):

- Alan Elliott, Echo Bay
- Alexandra Sirois, Chelmsford
- Brenda Lediett, Blind River
- Charlotte Lavictoire, Earlton
- Debbie Malo, Cochrane
- Jennifer Vachon, Timmins
- Jo-Anne McCool-Maki, Sudbury
- Mary Murphy Foran, Elliot Lake
- Patricia Griffiths, South River
- Rebecca Geauvreau, North Bay

- Rina Clark, Sault Ste. Marie
- Robert Porter, Massey
- Ronald Gervais, Sturgeon Falls
- Susan Koppisch, Parry Sound
- Sylvie Fontaine, Hearst
- Vanessa Morris, Sudbury (Youth Advisory and Ex-Officio member)

Important note: *There remains one vacant seat on the Committee which will be filled in the coming week by a representative of the James and Hudson Bay Coasts sub-region.*

A Chair and Co-Chair will be appointed following the first meeting in October. For more information on the NE LHIN's Patient and Family Advisory Committee, please [click here](#).

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