

Supporting New Mental Health and Addictions Programs Serving the North Shore's Indigenous Communities



(Left to right) John Febbraro, Board Member of the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN); Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO of the North East LHIN; Gloria Daybutch, Executive Director, Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Roger Boyer II, Primary Health Care Manager, N'Mninoeyaa AHAC and Jennifer McKenzie, NE LHIN Outreach Officer at the Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services' Annual General Assembly held in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday July 13th, 2017.

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, was at the event to announce the Government of Ontario's support for the *Pain, Addiction, Mental Health within an Anishnawbek Recovery System* (PAMHAR) program—a mental health and addictions program that will be administered by Maamwesying. Services will be provided to seven First Nations communities and the urban Indigenous population of Sault Ste. Marie, representing about 15,500 First Nation and Métis people.

Increased access to culturally appropriate care for Indigenous people in the region is aligned with the [North East LHIN's Aboriginal Health Care Reconciliation Action Plan](#) and [The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples](#).

The North East LHIN is working with its partners to implement the 25 calls to action in the Health Reconciliation Action Plan, including enhancing access to traditional healing practices and the provision of culturally respectful health care services for Indigenous people in the North East region.

The LHIN is also committed to a thorough evaluation of the PAMHAR program to determine the viability of rolling it out to other communities throughout Northeastern Ontario to improve access to traditional health and healing services for Indigenous people in the region.

To find out more, read the province's media release [here](#).

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