

2007 - A Year in Review

January

- North East LHIN Board of Directors holds first open meeting in North Bay.
- New CEO Rémy Beaudoin starts.

February

- Announcement of \$3.3 million to help ease hospital overcrowding and increase community-based care in North East Ontario.

March

- Board of Directors meet in Moose Factory and endorses the creation of CEO Round Tables. The seven Round Tables include members from across the North East health care system and are established to become the operational arm of the North East LHIN.
- Four Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Task Forces are formed in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Timmins. ALC Task Forces meet over the next nine months and conduct detailed analysis of ALC issue in North East Ontario.

April

- North East LHIN assumes full responsibility for planning, funding and integrating local health services across North East Ontario with a budget of \$1.1 billion.

May

- Sault Ste. Marie Group Health Centre wins Health Care Innovation Expo Award in the Improving Quality and Patient Safety category.

June

- First Governance Forum is held in North Bay to provide health service providers, stakeholder representatives, and health care consumers and their families with the opportunity to learn more about the NE LHIN and roles and responsibilities within Ontario's new health care system.
- Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Summit is held in Sudbury. Summit brings 125 stakeholders together to receive information and discuss strategies to mitigate Alternate Level of Care (ALC) situation in Northern Ontario.

July

- Mark Fisher of Parry Sound is appointed to the NE LHIN Board of Directors. Mr. Fisher joins the other eight members who reside across North East Ontario.

August

- Mr. Marc Dumont (Temiskaming Planning Area) and Ms. Johanne Labonté (Cochrane Planning Area) are re-appointed to the NE LHIN Board of Directors.
- NE LHIN submits its first multi-year Annual Service Plan (ASP). Annual Service Plan (ASP) submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The ASP helps to determine how the NE LHIN will address the health care needs of North East Ontario through its Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) and the level of funding required for the NE LHIN to meet its priorities for 2008/09 and 2009/10.
- Province announces Aging at Home Strategy which provides \$33 million over three years to the North East LHIN to develop strategies that will enable seniors to reside in their own homes longer.
- Agreement is reached to implement the Flo Collaborative in the North East beginning in September 2007. The aim of the provincial Flo Collaborative is to help local health care systems provide the care that aging seniors need to make the transition from acute hospitals to other settings.

September

- Northern Ontario e-Health Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Tactical Plan is approved. The Plan calls for the creation of a Project Management Office (PMO) to plan, execute, co-ordinate and monitor e-health strategies across the North East. The goal of the PMO is to be the "one-stop shop" for Northern Ontario health service providers and their e-health needs.

October

- e-health Information and Communication Technology (ICT) PMO is established.
- NE LHIN submits Aging at Home Strategy Directional Plan to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). The Plan speaks to the issues and recommendations for a North East ALC Strategy. It is based on the work of ALC Task Forces, ALC Summit and Annual Service Plan.
- Two Interim Aboriginal Health Planning Groups meet for the first time. One has representatives across the NE LHIN and the other is focused on the James Bay Coast Planning Area. The groups will advise the NE LHIN on priorities and allocations for year one of the Aging at Home Strategy

for the Aboriginal/First Nation and Métis communities, while waiting for the Local Aboriginal Health Planning Entities (LAHPEs) to form. NE LHIN Board of Directors receives an Aboriginal Engagement Briefing Report which details the activities of the organization thus far and the strategies in the coming months to build meaningful relations with Aboriginal/First Nation/Métis communities to improve health services to, and the health status of, the Aboriginal/First Nation/Métis population.

November

- NE LHIN meets with the provincial Bureau des services de santé en français and the two Francophone networks, Réseau francophone de santé du Nord de l'Ontario and Réseau francophone de santé du Moyen-Nord de l'Ontario, to discuss a draft collaboration plan on how the four organizations can best work together to meet the health care needs of Francophones in the North East.
- Board of Directors receives an ALC Emerging Strategies report.
- Dr. Allan Hudson, Lead, Access to Services and Ontario Wait Time Strategy, provides an update on the Strategy results for the North East LHIN to the Board of Directors. Dr. Hudson also noted that the province will add emergency room performance to its wait times strategy and that a goal has been set to reduce emergency room visits to fewer than four hours.

December

- Hospital CEOs from across North East Ontario meet to plan for the first NE LHIN Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) which will cover a two year period (2008/09 and 2009/10). HAPS is the process by which hospitals submit their budgets for approval to the NE LHIN. Central themes include planning, measurement and evaluation of health services, and organizational performance.
- NE LHIN hosts an Addiction and Mental Health Summit in Sudbury which draws more than 150 delegates.
- Board of Directors receive full report with recommendations to allocate funding towards ALC initiatives across North East Ontario.