NORTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Location: Idylwylde Country Club, Sudbury, ON

Friday, December 16, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members / Staff in Attendance: Margaret Ashcroft

Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet, Chair

David Murray, Chief Executive Officer

Guest: Richard Joly

Regrets: Michael DiAngelo

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared or identified.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved my Margaret Ashcroft; motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held Friday, November 18, 2005 were approved as circulated with a spelling correction noted in the spelling of New Liskeard.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet reviewed activities by the Board members since the last meeting including several meetings with providers, community leaders and other parties.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (CONTINUED)

Discussions were entertained with respect to the Savoie Report. There was a strong feeling that the North East LHIN would have to take a proactive approach in meeting the distinct and unique needs of the Francophone populations within the region. The Ministry has not officially responded to the report at this time.

Bill 36 has been introduced in the House and has gone through first and second readings. Prior to a third reading and vote, there will be public hearings in a number of communities across the Province. It is hoped that legislation will be passed by the end of March 2006.

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A financial update was provided as well as a revised budget for the current fiscal year. The budget has been reduced for LHINs due to a delay in hiring of staff. A total of \$10 million was recovered from the LHIN program that will be used elsewhere by the Ministry.

One area of concern was the inadequate amount budgeted for travel. Dave Murray, preparef, presented and provided the Ministry with briefing notes outlining a more realistic amount of travel for travel for the North East LHIN staff and Board Members.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Eileen Clark, Legal Counsel for the LHINs, has done considerable work in further developing clearer conflict of interest guidelines. The following LHIN Board Chairs will sit on a committee to oversee the development of these guidelines: Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet (North East), Kathy Durst (Waterloo Wellington), Juanita Gledhill (Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant).

LHIN PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

After significant discussions and negotiations with the Ministry, the LHIN Performance Agreements have been finalized and forwarded to the LHINs for their acceptance. After reviewing the agreement, Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet was authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the North East Board.

OP-ED ARTICLE

The LHINS have been provided with an op-ed article that is to be forwarded to various newspapers to help provide a positive view of the activities to date, the goals and objectives of the LHIN initiative. There was some discussion that if all of the articles across the Province are very similar, the approach may look contrived. Dave Murray offered to develop our own op-ed piece that could be used throughout our area.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Richard Joly arrived at 2:00 p.m. and was introduced to the Board. Mr. Joly has accepted the position of Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and Allocation and will be starting with the North East LHIN in January 2006. Mr. Joly is currently the Director of Service for the Sudbury-Manitoulin CCAC.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.