

MEDIA RELEASE

Long-standing North Bay Family Physician Appointed to NE LHIN Board

Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 -- The North East LHIN Board of Directors and CEO Louise Paquette, welcome Dr. Ian Cowan to the North East LHIN Board for a three year term as the Nipissing Planning Area Director.

Dr. Ian Cowan is a family physician who practices in North Bay Ontario. He is currently the Lead Physician for the Near North Family Health Network, an electronic medical record group practice which includes ten physicians caring for approximately 15,000 patients in North Bay and area.

Dr. Cowan has extensive experience in health care management as Chief of Staff/Board member of a major hospital dealing with resource management, staff, quality of care issues, disaster planning, financial planning, medical human resource issues, program management and new facility planning. His current community involvement and health career highlights are extensive, including Associate Professor with the Northern Ontario Medical School, Investigating Coroner for Nipissing District, and Peer/Practice Assessor with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. In 2000 and 2003, Dr. Cowan was awarded Clinical Instructor of the Year for excellence in teaching by the Northern Ontario Family Medicine Residency Program.

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Interim NE LHIN Chair, Peter Vaudry noted, “Dr Cowan’s contribution to the North East LHIN Board of Directors is most welcomed. His health care expertise from physician to administrator will be invaluable and will add greatly to the decision making process of our Board.”

Dr. Cowan stated, “I look forward to serving on the NE LHIN Board and to representing the people of the Nipissing Planning area. This appointment provides the opportunity to engage in discussions and decisions that are patient-focused and truly reflect the unique health care needs of the North East LHIN region.”

QUICK FACTS

- LHIN Board members are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- Board members serve a term of one to three years, subject to a maximum of six years.
- The NE LHIN is the second largest of all LHINs covering more than 400,000 square kilometres and home to more than 550,000 people.
- The NE LHIN works closely with over 200 health service providers including hospitals, the North East CCAC, long term care facilities and consumers and their families to integrate health care practices into a model that works for the people of North East Ontario.

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