

Alternate Level of Care (ALC) in the North East Region

Timeline

- May – August 2006:** Community engagement in support of the NE LHIN **Integrated Health Services Plan** identifies ALC as a priority.
- February 2007:** NE LHIN CEO meets with representatives of Sudbury Regional Hospital to discuss increasing numbers of ALC patients. It is agreed that **ALC Task Forces** should be established in four urban centres to study issue.
- March 2007:** **ALC Task Forces** formed in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Timmins. Task Forces meet over 9 months and conduct detailed analysis of ALC issue.
- June 2007:** NE LHIN hosts **ALC Summit** in Sudbury which brings 125 stakeholders together to receive information and discuss strategies to mitigate ALC.
- August 2007:** NE LHIN holds series of meetings with CCAC senior management and hospital senior management (North Bay General Hospital, Sault Area Hospital, Sudbury Regional Hospital and Timmins and District Hospital) to discuss the **FLO Collaborative** and agree on partnership to implement the initiative.
- September 2007:** NE LHIN facilitates the establishment of the **Flo Collaborative** partnership in NE Ontario between Timmins and District Hospital and the NE CCAC. The main goal of FLO is to improve care processes related to patient flow from acute care to subsequent care settings.
- August 28 2007:** **Aging at Home Strategy** is announced by Province. NE LHIN immediately develops work plan to develop the first deliverable of a Directional Plan.
- August 31 2007:** NE LHIN submits **Annual Service Plan** in which ALC is identified as a priority and includes high level business cases based on submissions from health service providers. The business cases focus on the priority of ALC.
- October 2007:** CEO Roundtables meet to review draft **Aging at Home Directional Plan** which includes high level strategies based on work of ALC Task Forces, ALC Summit and Annual Service Plan.
- December 19 2007:** NE LHIN Board of Directors receive the **ALC Task Force Report** and review and consider the approval of the **NE LHIN ALC Action Plan**. The Report provides a comprehensive overview of the ALC situation in North East Ontario and is the result of four NE LHIN created Task Forces, who have worked collaboratively since March, 2007. The Report also identifies 74 initiatives aimed at addressing ALC in the North East. These initiatives form the basis of the NE LHIN ALC Action Plan, and are complimented with a focus on system improvements.

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