



Transition Date Confirmed!

April 18, 2017

On December 7, 2016, Ontario passed Bill 41: the *Patients First Act, 2016*. Developed in support of the government's blueprint for health care transformation in Ontario, the Act gives Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) an expanded role, including responsibility to govern and manage the delivery of home and community care.

I am writing today to inform you that Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has made a transfer order under subsection 34.2(1) of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 that would transfer all assets, liabilities, rights, obligations and employees of the North East CCAC to the North East LHIN, effective **May 31, 2017**.

Our priority during this transition is to ensure that all home and community care services continue, without disruption, for the 16,000+ patients in our care across the North East. For our partners, many of your existing contacts within our organization will remain the same and current access and/or discharge procedures will remain status quo.

In the months ahead we will continue to work with all LHIN partners to bring about the system transformation promised in the government's [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#) to create a more patient-centred health care system in Ontario.

On behalf of the North East LHIN, I am pleased to introduce my senior team who will help lead this transformation to ensure that patients are getting better coordinated care, and that the health system is more integrated and responsive to local needs.

Louise Paquette, CEO
North East LHIN



Dr. Paul Preston, VP, Clinical

Dr. Preston has practiced in Northeastern Ontario for more than 30 years in a variety of roles – hospital ED doctor, Chief of Primary Care at North Bay Regional Health Centre, family physician at the Blue Sky Family Health Team, and medical director in long-term care working with the frail elderly. After serving three years as the North East LHIN's Primary Care Lead on a part-time basis, we are pleased to welcome him on board as the province's first full-time Clinical Lead for the renewed LHIN.



Terry Tilleczek, VP, Strategy and System Planning

Terry Tilleczek has been involved in health system planning in Northeastern Ontario for 25 years, joining the NE LHIN in 2006. In his new role, Terry will be putting his expertise into practice as he operationalizes the sub-regions to improve access to home and community care and supporting enhanced collaboration among health system partners.



Richard Joly, VP, Home and Community Care

As the former Chief Executive Officer of the North East Community Care Access Centre (NE CCAC), Richard brings over two decades of experience in the provision of quality home and community care to patients across Northeastern Ontario. A bilingual leader, Richard is committed to ensuring equitable access to quality health care for Francophones in the province of Ontario.



Kate Fyfe, VP, Performance and Accountability

A Chartered Accountant by profession, Kate Fyfe brings over 25 years of financial experience to the NE LHIN. Over the last several months, Kate has been the transition lead of the Patients First initiative, which will ensure the delivery of home and community care services are transferred seamlessly to the NE LHIN effective May 31, 2017.



Cathy Bailey, VP Human Resources, Finance and Corporate Services

A Chartered Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner, Cathy has over 25 years of senior management experience in the health, not-for-profit and private sectors. Cathy is looking forward to taking on the corporate service functions of the North East LHIN, in support of its primary mission to strengthen the coordination of health care services across our vast region.



Tamara Shewciw, Chief Information Officer

Tamara is pleased to continue in her role of championing the development and implementation of eHealth across Northeastern Ontario. With over 25 years of experience in the Information and Communication Technology field, Tamara will lead the coordination of key stakeholder planning and engagement related to eHealth for the renewed LHIN.



Cynthia Stables, Director, Communications and Patient Experience

Cynthia brings 25 years of corporate communications experience to the NE LHIN. She looks forward to her new responsibilities for the development and implementation of engagement initiatives that will improve the patient experience in our region, including the development of a Patient Family Advisory Council.