

“Hub”ubaloo:

Definition: A big excitement or commotion caused by a source of awesomeness to the highest extent! (urban dictionary)

Muskoka Community Health Hubs Update

June 1, 2015 Edition:

The weeks are flying by and the pace is picking up. The future is indeed bright for Muskoka health care services delivery. The work, determination, and dedication of many people pulling together toward one goal is evident, and the outcomes will be spectacular!

What is a Nurse Practitioner's Scope of Practice?

- Diagnose and treat illness and injury,
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests,
- Make direct referrals to specialists,
- Admit/discharge to and from hospital
- Manage and monitor chronic diseases,
- Cast fractures and reduce dislocations,
- Suture simple lacerations, and
- Prescribe medication with the exception of controlled substances

Examples of Services You can Access at the Health Hubs:

- Prescribe and renew some medications
- Diagnose and treat common episodic illnesses
- Refer patients for diagnostic testing (blood testing, ultrasound, x-rays, etc.)
- Administer vaccinations and immunizations
- Suture minor cuts or lacerations
- Perform routine health exams for all age groups
- Promote health through counselling and education
- Identify health risk factors and monitor health status
- Monitor chronic illnesses



Port Carling Site:

- There has been good interest in the NP position advertised for Port Carling and interview dates are being scheduled.
- Conversations are underway between the Muskoka Community Health Hubs Implementation Committee and the Township of Muskoka Lakes to proceed with agreements required for opening the temporary site at the Township's library facility in Port Carling.

Dorset Site:

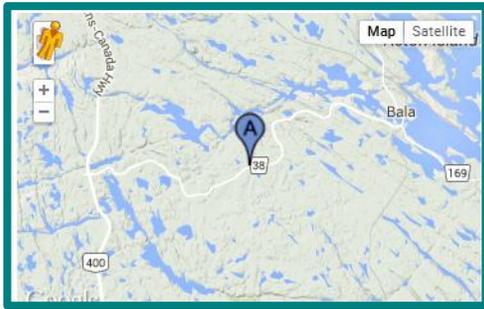
- Dorset hosted their 1000 Canoe fundraiser this past weekend, which was a huge success despite Mother Nature's attempt with frosty temperatures and white caps on Lake of Bays. Final funds raised are not confirmed at this point, yet preliminary reports are in the thousands!
- The Muskoka Community Health Hub: Dorset site construction is well underway, with doors and windows expected to arrive soon.



Wahta Site:

- The Muskoka Community Health Hub: Wahta site is getting back in the swing of things and is ramping up to full service capacity quickly.
- The Wahta community is embracing the ability to access primary care in the community again now that construction is finished.
- Cottage Country Family Health Team is providing collaborative physician support to the Wahta site.

Directions to Wahta Site: Click map below or call 705-762-1274



Mobile Unit:

- The Mobile Unit options were presented to the Muskoka Health Links Steering Committee on May 27, 2015 informing them of the plan to follow-up on a cost-benefit analysis for each option. Discussion ensued with the Health Link Steering Committee to ensure the greatest value for the dollar is obtained, and in the interest of serving the greatest number of Muskokans.

Other Committee News:

- The Service Level Agreement that will be established between the host Family Health Team and the specific Municipal and/or First Nation partner is under final review. Upon receipt of the Agreement, meetings will be established with partners to review, discuss and proceed with approvals. Quotes for interior furnishings and medical equipment for each of the Health Hubs have been received.
- We are anticipating the quotes for information technology (I.T.) to arrive soon! We are pursuing a relationship that will see the Health Hubs technology package set the standard for primary care organizations across the province. This is being made possible through ‘gifting’ from a major corporate sponsor.
- A presentation and project status updates was provided to the Muskoka Health Links Steering Committee. They were excited to learn about the progress made to date for the Muskoka Health Hubs. The Health Links website, along with the Muskoka Community Health Hub page is up and running and will evolve as the project evolves. Check it out at: www.muskokahealthlinks.ca

For more information about the Health Hubs or Muskoka’s Health Link visit:

www.muskokahealthlink.ca

The Muskoka Community Health Hubs Implementation Committee is comprised of the Algonquin Family Health Team, Cottage Country Family Health Team, North Muskoka Nurse Practitioner Led-Clinic and the District Municipality of Muskoka.

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