

“Hub”ubaloo:

Muskoka Community Health Hubs Update

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

May 15, 2015 Edition:

Wahta Site:

- Grand Re-Opening held on May 8th, approximately 70 in attendance, including dignitaries; Norm Miller Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), Chief Philip Franks, Dr. Peter Wells, Shelly van den Heuvel from Cottage Country Family Health Team (CCFHT), Rick Williams from the District Municipality of Muskoka (DMM).
- Dana Strength is the Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Misty Dawn Byrne is the Administrative Assistant (AA) under the Cottage Country Family Health Team.
- We extend a sincere ‘Thank you’ to Chief Philip Franks, Band Council and Administration staff for working with CCFHT during the transitioning process.
- We would also like to recognize the many donations to support the Wahta site. A full list of donors will be celebrated in future updates.



Port Carling Site:

- The Muskoka Community Health Hub Implementation Committee (MCHHIC) wishes the community group all the best success for your fundraising event this weekend.
- Recruitment efforts have started for the NP and AA positions. Ads are in the local paper or available online at <http://jobs.localwork.ca/jobs/nurse-practitioner-bracebridge-on-p11-2c1-78125615-d> <http://jobs.localwork.ca/jobs/administrative-assistant-bracebridge-on-p11-2c1-78125614-d>
- Richard Graham, Pharmacist of the Apothecary in Port Carling has agreed to support the Muskoka Community Health Hub: Port Carling site by providing refrigerated vaccine storage during the start-up phase.
- The temporary location at the library was inspected and approved for use by Public Health Ontario.
- A secured fax line at the library is being established with the assistance of James Hadley of CCFHT and the DMM.

Dorset Site:

- Lynn Sharer of Algonquin Family Health Team (AFHT) and Donna Kearney, Health Hub Implementation Coordinator of Rural Health Solutions attended a public meeting of the Dorset Community Partnership. The Health Hub Implementation Committee members were introduced as partners in the Dorset Health Hub.
- Recruitment of a physician to work with the Muskoka Community Health Hub: Dorset site is underway by AFHT.
- Exciting news is coming soon – announcing a state-of-the-art IT/tele-communications package for the Muskoka Community Health Hubs – **STAY TUNED!**

Mobile Unit:

- The Muskoka Community Health Hub Implementation Committee is exploring options for the mobile unit to determine most cost effective options to serve more remote communities, such as Port Severn, or small communities, such as Ryde. Possible considerations include:
 - Transporting care providers to the community for home visits;
 - Bringing providers to a site established with the community; and/or
 - Providing an exam room on wheels to bring to the people and the place.

Other Committee News:

- The committee is finalizing the 'Implementation Plan' imminently, in an effort to establish sequential milestones and project deliverables associated with start-up of the four Hubs.
- Establishing procedures, practices and processes up front is paramount to ensure safety of both the patient and the staff. Efforts are underway to develop, create and approve these prior to site openings.

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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About Muskoka Community Health Links

The Muskoka Community Health Hubs Implementation Committee is part of the **Muskoka Community Health Link** - one of more than 69 Health Links that have been created by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care across Ontario.

The Muskoka Community Health Link is a partnership between the District Municipality of Muskoka, the Algonquin and Cottage Country Family Health Teams, the North Muskoka Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, the North Simcoe Muskoka Community Care Access Centre, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, Community Mental Health Association Muskoka Parry Sound and other community agencies.

Community Health Links are an opportunity for care providers to work together to make sure patients and their families experience better, more coordinated care.

To learn more about Community Health Links visit:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/transformation/community.aspx>

