

## Riverview Manor Aging at Home

I have been contacted by the Northwest Local Health Integrated Network (NWLHIN) regarding the Proposal for on-site personal support staff at Riverview Manor; the Proposal is currently being assessed by their Review Team and we should be notified of a decision “within the month”. We are planning to move tenants into the (2) one-bedroom wheelchair-accessible units and the (2) two-bedroom “modified” units for November 1st. At this point, we are finalizing approvals for the elevator and completing all outstanding work in the building for the November 1<sup>st</sup> date.

Howard Hampton, MPP Kenora-Rainy River did raise the issue of the lack of on-site staff at Riverview Manor in the legislature last week, and an article did appear in the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal* providing our rationale for such staffing. Assisted living is one way to offset the high costs associated with unnecessary hospitalizations, visits to emergency departments and unwarranted long term care placements – even more significant for those residing in small, outlying communities, is the ability for individuals to stay close to their family and friends.

## Assisted Living

We have been invited by the Town of Atikokan to meet with their Assisted Living Committee on 14 October, 2010 to begin the process of exploring assisted living in that community. Similarly, we have been contacted by an individual in the community of Fort Frances to hold a public meeting regarding assisted living. I have spoken with various other organizations, including the NWLHIN, to determine their willingness to participate in these types of discussions.

## Land Ambulance Service Review

Members of the Ministry’s Review Team completed an Exit Interview with the staff on 23 September, 2010. The Review was very positive – members commented on the excellent policies, excellent documentation by Paramedic staff, the well-organized and forward-thinking service, and well-prepared files, etc. We expect the Review Team’s report within 60 to 90 days. Congratulations to all staff for a job well done!

## Non-Emergent Transfers

Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc and Atikokan General Hospital have been notified of the Board's recent decision to restrict non-emergent transfers, effective 01 October, 2010; the Hospitals were assured that this does not affect emergency calls in any way. We will continue to lobby the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for a proper solution to the problem of non-emergent transfers and continue to monitor the impact of the Board's decision.

## Board Members

We bid farewell and our good wishes to Michael Lewis and Gary Gamsby who have chosen not to run in their respective elections for the next term. Both Michael and Gary have been on the Board since its formal inception in February of 1999, and were involved in the planning process before that time! Michael has served as Chair over the majority of his years on the Board and Gary has served as Board Chair and Chair of various Committees during his tenure. They will both be sincerely missed!

Congratulations to the Board Members who have been acclaimed for another term to their respective Municipal Councils or Unincorporated Area. We look forward to having John Callan and Wade Desserre back as Unincorporated representatives and welcome Harold Mosley as the new Rainy River East Unincorporated representative. Those returning to Council include Deb Ewald (Rainy River), Sharon Tibbs (Fort Frances) and Mike Ford (Alberton); Municipal appointments to the RRDSSAB Board will not take place until 01 January, 2011.

Good luck to all other Board Members in their bid for a seat on Municipal Council!

## Human Resources

The following Human Resource activity has taken place since last reported:

Name	Title	Status	Start/Effective Date
No activity to report this month.			

Respectfully Submitted,  
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