



Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

A Community-Based Approach to Providing Quality Healthcare in the Almaguin Region

Status for May 3, 2011

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Community Organization

www.almaguin-health.org

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Presentation Objectives: Status Meeting of May 3, 2011

- Update Municipal representatives from Almaguin area and from the NorthEast LHIN on our efforts to create a Community Health Centre for Almaguin
- Communicate progress made thus far on Business Case, planning & stakeholder meetings
- Discuss timing and next steps

History and Background

- Burk's Falls & District Health Centre operated under various administrative structures from 1942 until 2009
- Centre was closed in 2009 by the Muskoka Algonquin Health Centre as part of budget cutbacks at MAHC (also supporting Huntsville and South Muskoka hospitals)
- Several exhaustive reports, task forces and studies performed between 1993 and 2006 all indicated the need for a Health Centre in Burk's Falls
- Community leaders in the Almaguin Highlands region have been working since the Health Centre closure was announced to regain the services required to provide proper, quality healthcare to the region

Current Challenges: Regional Profile

- Almaguin Highlands region has lost access to quality healthcare at a time when need is increasing
- Many of the residents live in remote locations
- The region has an aging population, with more than 30% over the age of 60 (well above provincial average)
- There is a large influx of seasonal population between May and September, effectively doubling the population and adding to healthcare pressures
- A median income much lower than the provincial average, and an unemployment rate higher than the provincial average

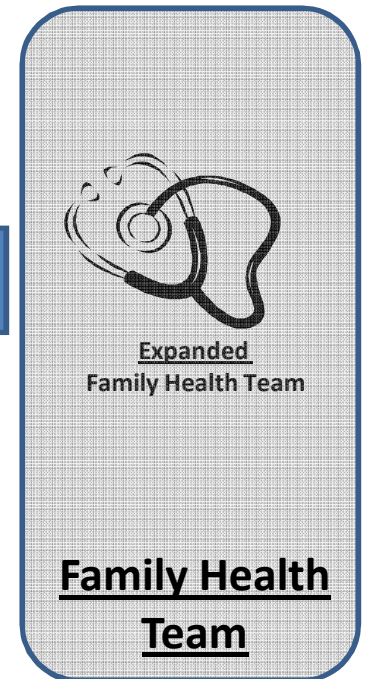
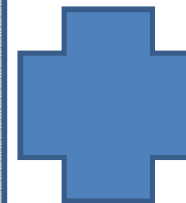
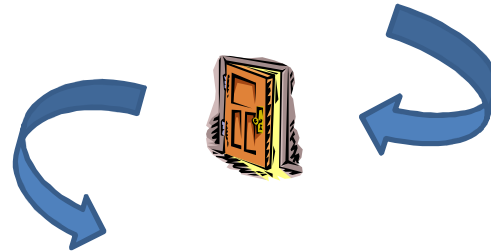
Current Challenges: Healthcare Access

- Population Health Profile statistics for the region which indicate an at-risk population in terms of lifestyle and health practices
- The proposed Family Health Team and the Community Care Access Centre for the region have not developed or expanded (i.e. additional staffing, etc.)
- Primary health care is not within 30 minutes travel time for most residents, as per recommendations in the Rural and Northern Health Care Report
- Emergency services (7/24/365) are not within 30 minutes travel time for most residents, as per recommendations in the Rural and Northern Health Care Report

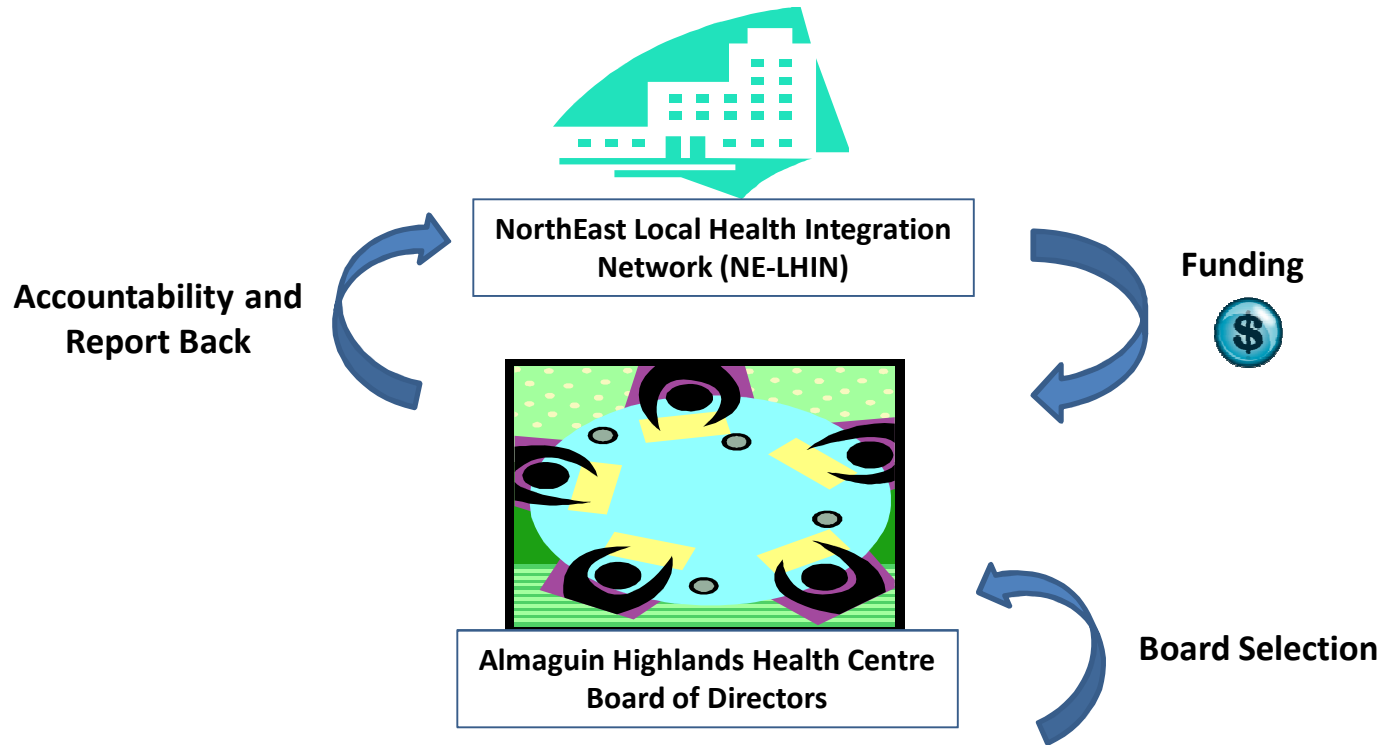
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Potential Services Provided



Citizens of Almaguin Highlands



Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: A Community-Based Approach



Armour	Burk's Falls	Joly	Kearney
Machar ??	Magnetawan	McMurrich / Monteith	Perry
Ryerson	South River ??	Sundridge	Strong

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Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Key Updates Since March 2011...

- www.almaguin-health.org web site is now up and running
- Several meetings with local physicians have been held...more to come
- Several meetings with NorthEast LHIN have been held...meetings with local Council reps from across Almaguin continue...10 of 12 identified regions have confirmed support for our approach
- Potential options for approach, location and possible services have been established
- ALC beds have been removed from the model at this time as this does not meet the provincial direction
- On-line survey available on web site...community meetings to be held between April and July

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Assumptions & Critical Success Factors

Without the following, establishment of a new Health Centre will not be possible:

- Our approach is sound and our business case supports both the need and the approach
- Our business case is in-line with provincial directions and initiatives
- The municipal leaders buy in and support the approach
- Communications with municipal stakeholders, the community, and the various government areas (LHINs, etc) remains strong
- Our message across the Almaguin Highlands is clear and consistent
- An expanded Family Health Team is established to provide coverage for Urgent Care

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Next Steps

- Community Stakeholder Communication Sessions – April through July
 - Citizens
 - Local physicians
 - Local caregivers
 - Establish web site for communications

- Determine Cost Estimates for Proposed Services - June



- Establish On-Going Governance & Oversight – July - Sept



- Complete Business Case - August



- Present Business Case to NE-LHIN - August

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) Timelines (Estimate Only)

