

COMMUNITY UPDATE

INTERLAKE-EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY



A new project at Interlake-Eastern RHA will see paramedics providing improved access for palliative clients and families.

Please read the Interlake-Eastern RHA update to keep you informed about resources, programming and new health care investments to help keep you healthy. See below for the latest regional health news.

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Expanding Services to Improve Access for Palliative Clients and Families

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, working in conjunction with the Paramedic Association of Manitoba (PAM), will be one of the seven health-care service delivery organizations across Canada to collaborate with the Canadian Foundation for Health Care Improvement (CFHI) and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (the Partnership) in their *Paramedics and Palliative Care: Bringing Vital Services to Canadians* program.

The program is part of the national organizations' ongoing efforts to expand the accessibility of palliative and end of life care in clients' homes. These federal partners are investing more than \$700,000 in Interlake-Eastern RHA and providing additional support to expand the region's existing palliative care service.

"This innovative, new practice is a great example of the kind of work being done across the country to develop health-care delivery models that bring care closer to home for many patients," said Minister of Health, Seniors, and Active Living Cameron Friesen. "This investment will allow paramedics in the Interlake-Eastern health region to enhance their skills and improve access to palliative care for Manitobans in the region while also allowing residents the option of receiving that care in the comfort of their home."

Co-sponsors, Karen Stevens-Chambers, Interlake-Eastern RHA's vice president of community services and chief allied health officer, and Eric Glass, PAM's administrative director, noted there are three goals for this project:

- enhancing the palliative care skills of paramedics to build confidence and competencies when providing palliative care at home;
- building upon existing partnerships among primary care physicians and members of the palliative care, home care and paramedic teams to ensure a consistent and collaborative approach to client care; and
- providing access to after-hours care at home for palliative clients and families as an alternative to emergency department visits.

The important role our community emergency first responders have in the region will be taken into consideration during the planning phase of this project. Stay tuned for more information as the project gets underway!

Read the full news release here: <https://www.ierha.ca/default.aspx?cid=20135&lang=1>



Health Transformation Update

A recent Health System Transformation Update includes an excellent overview of the Provincial Clinical and Preventive Services Planning that is underway and why this work is so important to all Manitobans, but especially those in rural Manitoba.

Using the story of Jennifer and her son who live in Norway House, this update paints a very realistic story of the challenges and obstacles that people face when health care expertise is centralized far away from home. This is an opportunity to learn how and why the Provincial Clinical and Preventive Services Plan will become the heart of health system transformation.

Read the update here.

(https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/hst/docs/mhsal/hst_update9.pdf)

View previous updates.

(<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/hst/resources.html>)

HR recruitment bus to hit the road this March!



Physiotherapy students are one of the groups the recruitment bus is targeting.

Interlake-Eastern RHA is launching its first human resources recruitment bus on March 2. The bus, carrying students in the fields of nursing, pharmacy, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and social work, will travel through the east part of the region to expose students to people at work in careers in our region.

Representatives from Interlake-Eastern's human resources department are the tour guides for the day-long bus ride with stops in Sagkeeng, Pine Falls, Beausejour and Selkirk. They will introduce students to different practice settings, allowing

them to experience rural health care, meet the staff who work in our region and learn about education placements, summer employment and career opportunities in our region!

We plan to expand the bus tour to the west side of the region once we evaluate the influence of this inaugural trip on generating new hires to the region.