

TORC Fall 2006 Public Issue Forum

LHINs and THE FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTH:
What Can Our Communities Expect?

Monday, September 25, 2006
Radisson Hotel · SUDBURY · Ontario

FINAL AGENDA

8:15 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. TORC Welcome and Opening Remarks
Harold Flaming, Executive Director, The Ontario Rural Council

9:00 a.m. Rural Health Updates
What do we know about the health status, utilization and availability of services for rural and northern residents?

- Dr. Roger Pitblado, Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research
- France Gélinas, Centre de Santé Communautaire de Sudbury

10:30 a.m. refreshment break

10:45 a.m. LHIN Updates
What are Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks doing to address rural and northern health issues in their respective regions?

- Paul Huras, South East Local Health Integration Network
- Kelly Gillis, South West Local Health Integration Network
- David Murray, North East Local Health Integration Network

12:00 p.m. lunch break

1:00 p.m. Regional Authority Updates
What are regional health authorities in other provinces doing to address rural health challenges?

- Dan Florizone, Five Hills Health Region, Saskatchewan
- Andrew Will, Aspen Regional Health, Alberta

2:30 p.m. refreshment break



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Facilitated Small Group Discussions

What lessons can Ontario learn from regionalization in other provinces? What are the key rural health issues upon which LHINs should focus?

- Moderator: Jim Whaley,
Chair, TORC Rural Health Working Group



3:30 p.m.

Where to From Here?

Panel Discussion on creating sustainable, vibrant rural and northern communities.

- Dr. Peter Hutten-Czapski, Society of Rural Physicians of Canada
- Dr. Mary Robertson Lacroix, Innovative Rural Communities Project



4:45 p.m.

Forum Wrap-Up

John Hogenbirk, Senior Researcher
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