

May 19, 2011

Mr. George Maroosis, Chair
District of Nipissing
Social Services Administration Board
200 McIntyre Street
North Bay, ON P1B 8J8

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter regarding the partnership with the North East LHIN to implement the new Assisted Living policy for High Risk Seniors. I fully appreciate the broader mandate that the DSSAB has and the enormous pressures that your waiting list puts on your ability to meet all of the housing needs in your communities.

Supporting seniors in their existing living situations is a priority and will be our approach in how we implement the new Assisted Living for High Risk Seniors policy. There are significant benefits to housing providers in this model as it provides the landlord with a service for their tenants and it reduces unit turnover. Our intention is to work with housing providers, assisted living providers and other sectors of our community to identify the gaps in services and make investments where the need is the greatest. Having the support and partnership of the DSSAB is paramount to our success. I want to extend my appreciation for the time your staff has taken to participate in our events and meet with our key staff on Assisted Living. If you have any questions on the implementation of our new policy please contact, Valerie Scarfone at 705 673-1099.

I look forward to the ongoing collaboration with the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board.

Sincerely,
Original Signed
Peter Vaudry
Interim Chair

c. Louise Paquette, CEO LHIN