



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

MEMORANDUM

To: Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board Members
Subject: Delegation at AMO, August 21st, 2012

As Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, I met with Mr. Michael Coe, Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC) on August 21st, 2012 at the AMO convention.

The Purpose of our meeting was to discuss Non-urgent patient transfers and the DSB Business Case that was submitted to the MOHLTC in October 2011.

The DSB CAO and I focused on the following key issues:

- The MOHLTC is currently paying for the cost of private Medical Transfer Services through hospitals global budgets,
- In the North and particularly in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction, the 3 small rural hospitals do not have the global budgets to pay for a private transfer service
- The DSB Business plan was supported by all 3 hospitals and the Northeast LHIN
- All EMS delivery agents in the North are struggling with the issue of non-urgent transfers. Some are resorting to charging the hospitals for transfers, while other are refusing to preform code 1 & code 2 transfers.
- This DSB has worked with all three hospitals and the NE-LHIN to develop a business plan that makes sense for everyone involved

Mr. Coe indicated that the issue of transfers to and from hospitals is the responsibility of the LHIN's. He indicated that in the 2012 budget the MOHLTC did approve one-time funding approximately 20 million dollars to assist rural hospitals. It was suggested that the DSB approach the NE-LHIN to determine if funds could be made available from this new one-time allocation to assist with the implementation of the DSB business case. I have directed staff to look into this option with the NE-LHIN.

Sincerely,

Les Gamble
Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB