

Media Release

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RE: Independent Operational Review of Lake of the Woods District Hospital

As a key stakeholder in the provision of health care services, Lake of the Woods District Hospital, (LWDH), provides an array of high quality health services for the residents and visitors of Kenora and the surrounding communities. LWDH has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to effectiveness, efficiency and continuous quality improvement. Despite ongoing efforts, the Hospital continues to face service and financial pressures associated with the challenging context of its rural geography, population health profile, and the new system of funding reform.

These challenges are recognized by both the leadership of LWDH and the North West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). In endeavoring to address these challenges, both LWDH and the North West LHIN are supportive of an independent operational review of LWDH.

Operational reviews have become strategic tools that leaders can initiate in order to better understand the immense challenges that health service providers face. The operational review is intended to lead to positive solutions that will stabilize and advance the provision of services at LWDH.

To guide this work, LWDH, in partnership with the North West LHIN, is in the process of developing the terms of reference for an independent operational review. The terms of reference describe the scope of work that is to be undertaken by an independent review team. This team will analyze, evaluate and ultimately provide recommendations on opportunities that they discover during their review.

Due to the scope of the operational review, a request for proposal for an independent consultant is required. The request for proposal will go out within the next six weeks, and the operational review will commence as soon as possible following the consultant selection process.

The process will include an assessment of all facets of LWDH; including but not limited to:

- Clinical services
- Clinical quality
- Hospital operations and corporate services
- Internal and external integration
- Accountability and capacity
- Funding reform and financial management
- Leadership and governance

This assessment will lead to a set of operational recommendations that will be subsequently addressed through a work-plan.

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