



PARTNER TABLE

BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY – JUNE 25, 2025

Gratitude for departing partner organization leads



Co-Chairs Jennifer Dreaver (KCA) and Cheryl O'Flaherty (LWDH), along with ANHP OHT Executive Lead Colleen Neil (SCFHT), highlighted the valued work of Karen Ingbrigtsen and Henry Wall as members of the ANHP OHT Partner Table.

The ANHP OHT partners gathered this week to acknowledge and celebrate two longtime members of the partner table and executive leads — Karen Ingbrigtsen, CEO of Firefly Child & Family Services, and Henry Wall, CAO of Kenora District Services Board.

Both Karen and Henry have been incredibly involved and supportive members of the ANHP OHT partner table since its inception, helping to guide and advocate for

transformational health care change in the Kenora region.

Karen has served as Chief Executive Officer for Firefly since 2008, and brought a steadfast dedication to infants, children and youth in Northwestern Ontario, contributing greatly to the organization's success and growth, as well as province-wide recognition for its work.

Henry, who has been Chief Administrative Officer at KDSB for over a decade, has worked to support and

empower communities in implementing positive health and social system change. Under his leadership, the breadth and scope of KDSB's services has grown tremendously, always with an eye to meaningful community partnerships.

The ANHP OHT wishes both Karen and Henry all the best in their future endeavours, and is grateful for the legacy of leadership and thoughtful guidance that they have both provided over the years.

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The All Nations Health Partners Ontario Health Team (ANHP OHT) unites Indigenous, municipal, healthcare and community services leaders to transform care in Kenora and surrounding communities.

As Ontario's first OHT with full Indigenous and community partnership, we provide culturally safe, integrated care that is person-centred. ANHP OHT strives to ensure proper care at the right time in the right setting by coordinating hospitals, healthcare providers, mental health and addiction services, public health, long-term care, and community support.

Committed to a seamless, patient-centred system, ANHP OHT will continue to lead the way in integrated, community-driven healthcare as Ontario Health Teams evolve.

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Partner Table highlights & updates

- **Ontario Health Updates:**  **Ontario Health**

Consultant Karen Lusignan provided an update on progress by Ontario Health Teams last year on chronic disease prevention, highlighting the increased confirmed COPD diagnoses, improved chronic disease services and enhanced care coordination.

She also congratulated the ANHP OHT on its stellar work on this front, as well as its success in getting “Your Voice Matters” survey responses.

- **Vaccination Update:**

Dr. Kit Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health for the Northwestern



Health Unit, gave an update on vaccination rates in the region, noting that there have been zero cases of measles in the NWHU catchment area, with one of the highest vaccination rates in Ontario.

- **Rural Generalist Council Update:**

Co-Chair Cheryl O’Flaherty, updated the partner table on the progress of the implementation of the RGC model of care, and noted that the primary care practitioners have been adapting well to the new system, and that the work of recruiting additional providers is continuing. Executive Director Colleen Neil from the Sunset



Country Family Health Team also discussed appointment availability for unattached patients in the region, which will improve over time. The work on a process to attach patients to physicians and Nurse Practitioners is currently underway.

- **Deb Everly from the Kenora Association for Community Living**



Living noted that, while many areas in the province face challenges with physicians accepting patients with intellectual disabilities, primary care providers in the Kenora region have consistently provided care — and high-quality care — to this population.

ANHP WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Housing: Partner organizations are compiling a comprehensive supportive housing inventory across the region to use in planning and communicating publicly.

Needle Distribution: As Morningstar Centre transitions from its role in distribution, new locations for needle availability are being identified among partners.

Patient, Elder and Caregiver Advisory Council: After gathering stories about the difficulty of travel for health care in the region, the group is preparing to share these powerful experiences with the Ministry of Health, in order to continue this advocacy for change to compensation and coverage.

welcome to **our team!**

Dr. Saba Saberi



Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Dr. Saberi, the newest addition to our medical community!

Dr. Saberi completed his orthopedic surgery residency in Iran, where he practiced in both hospital and community settings. His passion for sports medicine also led him to work as the team doctor for a professional soccer team in the Iranian Premier League.

After relocating to Canada, Dr. Saberi completed his licensing exams and began practicing in Winnipeg and Fort Frances. He has chosen to join Kenora’s team of dedicated health care professionals.

Outside the clinic, he enjoys cooking, gardening, spending quality time with his wife and their two cats, and staying active through nearly every sport imaginable.

