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Northern Ontario School of Medicine Report Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean-CEO August-September 2014

NOSM Board of Directors

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to occur on September 24, 2014 (4:00 – 6:00 pm). This meeting will also host the Annual Meeting of Members.

For a complete list of Board members and more information, please visit our website at nosm.ca.

First Nations Communities Assess Progress at NOSM

From August 13-15, 2014, Chapleau Cree First Nation hosted the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's (NOSM) fourth Aboriginal Community Partnership Gathering, called "Walking the Vision."

NOSM senior leaders, faculty, and staff gathered with over 100 Aboriginal community members from across Northern Ontario to:

- Develop, strengthen, and enhance relationships.
- Provide information regarding past recommendations made to the School at the last gathering May 2011.
- Report about the tangible progress the School has made in implementing those recommendations.
- Seek recommendations about how the School can refine its practices, activities, and outcomes to ensure that NOSM continues to meet the needs of Aboriginal peoples across Northern Ontario.



"At these gatherings we ask, 'What do you think about NOSM's progress? What next steps can we take to ensure that NOSM truly meets your needs, and the needs of your community?'" says Dr. David Marsh, NOSM Associate Dean of Community Engagement and Senior Associate Dean of Medicine at Laurentian University. "This process of collaboration ensures that Aboriginal people of Northern Ontario have a voice at NOSM, and that the School is accountable to the priorities that our communities identify for us."

IDEAS Survey: Quality Improvement at NOSM



Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors

Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors (IDEAS) is a new, province-wide learning initiative to advance Ontario's health system priorities by building capacity in quality improvement, leadership and change management across all health-care sectors. The IDEAS Introductory Quality Improvement (QI) Program is coming to NOSM in the fall of 2014. The program is designed for physicians, nurses, other health-care professionals and managers from all parts of the health system who are seeking an introduction to quality improvement or a refresher on the fundamentals of quality improvement. In order for NOSM to adapt the provincial program to meet your needs, please take ten minutes to complete the needs assessment survey. <http://www.ideasontario.ca/survey/>

NOSM Announces Two New Senior Appointments



The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr. Penny Moody-Corbett as Associate Dean of Research and Senior Associate Dean of NOSM's Lakehead Campus, and Dr. David Musson as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education. Both Drs. Moody-Corbett and Musson will be based in Thunder Bay, Ontario. "It is with excitement that we welcome Dr. Moody-Corbett and Dr. Musson to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine," says Dr. Roger Strasser, NOSM Dean. "Both Dr. Moody-Corbett and Dr. Musson bring values, research interests, and breadth

of experience that complement NOSM's vision of Innovative education and research for a healthier North. I look forward to working with them to improving the health of the people and communities of Northern Ontario, and wish them much success in their new appointments." Both appointments take effect on July 1, 2014.

http://www.nosm.ca/uploadedFiles/About_Us/Media_Room_2/News/Items/Appointment%20Notices.pdf

Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program Graduation

The NODIP graduation ceremony was held Thursday, July 24. The celebration for the 12 graduates was held in four locations: the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's Lakehead Campus in Thunder Bay, NOSM's Laurentian Campus in Sudbury, as well as our NODIP sites in Barrie and here in Sault Ste. Marie. Dr. Strasser participated in the Sault Ste. Marie site at Sault Area Hospital, along with the graduates' family, friends, and clinical facilitators. Dr. Marsh welcomed, and celebrated the graduates from the Sudbury site. The guest speaker, Heather Parsons, is the NODIP North Simcoe Muskoka Site Coordinator, and spoke to all from Barrie.

Ninth Annual Northern Health Research Conference Address Questions Relevant to the Health of Northern Ontarians

On June 6 - 7, 2014, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) held its ninth annual Northern Health Research Conference (NHRC) at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Hosted in the Josias Fiddler Conference Room, conference participants were welcomed by SLMHC, the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority and Lac Seul First Nation.

"This is the first time the Northern Ontario School of Medicine has hosted the Northern Health Research Conference in Sioux Lookout – one of many communities that provide essential support to the School by welcoming medical students, residents, and dietetic interns into their local hospital, health centres, and family practices," says NOSM Dean, Dr. Roger Strasser. "We are pleased to be engaging local health-care professionals, researchers, and students in topics relating to the people and communities in Northern Ontario as we work towards the School's vision of Innovative Education and Research for a Healthier North."

Conference Highlights

- The first keynote address was delivered by Dr. Michael Schull, the President and CEO of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) in Toronto and Saba Khan, an epidemiologist with ICES. The title of their presentation was New Opportunities for working with Aboriginal Health Data at ICES. The second keynote address was delivered by Dr. Donald Redelmeier, Senior Scientist and Director at ICES. The title of his presentation was Pregnancy and the Risk of a Traffic Crash.
- A special session was organized for high school students from Sioux Lookout. Hosted by NOSM's Aboriginal Affairs, Admissions and Francophone Affairs units, the session provided youth with an opportunity to learn about health research from a NOSM researcher; health careers from an Aboriginal NOSM alumni and practising physician; about the School's MD program from a NOSM medical student; and, how to prepare for and apply to medical school at NOSM. Students also had an opportunity to hear



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conference presentations and view poster presentations. Feedback received from the students was that, by participating in the session, they are now more interested in health-care careers and research. In particular, the youth enjoyed speaking with an Aboriginal NOSM graduate who is now practising in Northern Ontario.

- Conference participants had the opportunity to hear presentations from a wide variety of organizations, including: researchers based at NOSM; universities across the North, including Laurentian University, Lakehead University, and Algoma University; the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research; partner organizations; and, hospitals in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. It was particularly exciting to see a number of presentations from current or former NOSM learners.

The Spring 2015 Conference will be held in Timmins.
Visit <http://www.nosm.ca/nhrc/> for more information.



Attention NOSM Partner Organizations

Help Create NOSM's 2020 Vision

Ensure your organization has a voice in the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's (NOSM) next Strategic Plan. NOSM invites all partner organizations to send a written submission outlining how NOSM can meet your needs, and how the School's priorities can complement and support our common goals of improving the health of Northern Ontarians.

See attached for further information.

À l'attention des organismes partenaires de l'EMNO

Aidez à créer la vision de l'EMNO pour 2020

Veillez à ce que votre organisme ait son mot à dire sur le prochain plan stratégique de l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario (EMNO). L'EMNO invite tous les organismes partenaires à présenter un mémoire indiquant comment elle peut répondre à leurs besoins et comment ses priorités peuvent appuyer et apporter un complément à nos buts communs concernant l'amélioration de la santé de la population du Nord de l'Ontario.

Consultez le document en annexe pour en savoir davantage.

Submissions can be emailed to strategicplan2015-2020@nosm.ca.
Deadline: September 17, 2014

For more news and information visit www.nosm.ca

Respectfully submitted,

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