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NORTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

Listed below are the backgrounds of the new board members selected for the North East Local Health Integration Network.

Johanne Labonté

Since 2001, Johanne Labonté has been employed as a community development officer with the Northeastern Ontario Medical Education Corporation, assisting communities with recruitment and retention of physicians and allied health care professionals. From 1995 to 2000, she held various increasingly responsible positions with Centre de santé communautaire du Témiskaming culminating in the position of administrative officer and managing the overall operation of the Centre. As an active member of the community, Labonté serves as chair of the Northern Development Council Northeast Board, been past president of the Board of Governors of the Porcupine Big Brothers & Sisters Association, served as director of the Board of Governors of College Boreal, Sudbury, and committee member/secretary of the Organizational Management Standards Committee of Big Brothers and Big Sisters Canada, Toronto.

Claus W. Ott

Claus W. Ott has been a certified management accountant since 1968. During his career with two major Canadian companies (Dunlop and Uniroyal) he held several increasingly responsible positions in management and finance up to 1969. In 1969, he joined with other founding members to start an inner tube manufacturing company. As part owner, he served as vice-president of finance and secretary treasurer for Trent Rubber Group of Companies until 1992. From 1992-2004 he served as corporate vice-president overseeing operations with an emphasis on merger and acquisitions. For 10 years, Ott served on the Board of Governors at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay as treasurer and vice-chair. Ott is an active Rotarian, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow. He also served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Commission.

Norm Wesley

Norm Wesley has been working as the executive director of the Moose Cree Education Authority in Moose Factory since January 2004. Since 1970, he has held several administrative positions in the aboriginal community including band administrator and chief of Moose Cree First Nation, chairman of Mushkegowuk Council, and consultant for Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Mushkegowuk Council and Moose Cree First Nation. From 1975 to 1978, Wesley was a sixth grade teacher with the Moose Factory Board of Education, and from 1981 to 1984 he was a teacher with the James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board. He has also held positions in education administration as policy advisor for Mushkegowuk Education and vice-principal of Delores D. Echum Composite School. His community volunteer work includes serving as master of ceremonies for a number of community functions, board member and chair of Weeneebayko Health Ahutskaywin, and member of the Weeneebayko Health Integration Steering Committee.

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