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NORTH WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

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

Kevin Bähm

Kevin Bähm has been employed as a police officer with the Terrace Bay Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police since 1988. During this time, he served as acting police chief with Terrace Bay Police Service and gained experience in the fields of administration, media relations, community service and exhibits management. From 1986 to 1988, he was employed as director of commercial contracts/security and investigations with Pinkerton Security Limited. Prior to this, through progressive advancement, he worked as a police officer and then detective/investigator with the Metro Toronto Police. His community involvement has included serving as a member of the Schreiber and Terrace Bay Chamber of Commerce, board chair and member of the McCausland Hospital, and board chair of the Lake Nipigon Health Network.

Robert Ritchat

Robert Ritchat worked for Atikokan Hydro Inc. from 1978 until his retirement in 2002 as a power lineman and line foreman. He currently serves as chair of the Atikokan Police Services Board, is a member of the Ministry of Natural Resources Local Citizens Committee and Forest Management Planning Team. Ritchat has also served on the Atikokan Board of Education for five years, two as vice-chair until amalgamations of school boards. Ritchat formerly served on the Atikokan Hospital Board for the past eight years, and served as chair for four years. He has been involved in negotiations, finance, governance and planning committees for the various boards he has served.

Marleen Wong

Marleen Wong holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Ottawa) degree and a Masters of Health Science (Toronto) degree in Health Administration. She has been representing Northwestern Ontario since 2003, serving as a Medical Member of the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals for Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security. Prior to this, she was provincial director of clinical and diagnostic support services for the Provincial Health Services Authority in B.C. Earlier in her career, she was regional director of provincial programs and strategic initiatives for the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board; co-acting president and CEO, as well as vice-president of programs of The Richmond Hospital; vice-president, patient care, at St. Vincent's Hospital (Vancouver); and vice-president, nursing, at The Royal University Hospital (Saskatoon). Wong currently serves as secretary and property committee member of the finance council at Notre Dame du Portage Roman Catholic Church and is a past surveyor with the Canadian Council on Health Care Accreditation and member of several committees and task forces.

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