



The Need to Know...

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Celebrating Our First Year: Team Meeting # 4

This June, the 'Need to Know' (NTK) team celebrated its first year together. Team meeting #4 began with a report from Sarah Bowen, the project's evaluation co-ordinator. MCHP team members then presented a behind-the-scenes look at the work involved in the 2002 Deliverable. This was followed by reports from the RHAs, Manitoba Health and MCHP team members on the information dissemination strategies currently in use. Special guest speaker Dr. John Millar from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) presented information on 'Benchmarking', followed by Sue Crockett's report on 'Quality Scorecards' - developed by and being used in Nor-Man RHA to monitor the progress of strategic plan implementation. The meeting concluded that evening at the Royal Crown Revolving Restaurant with the celebration of our 'first birthday'. A cake featuring a map of Manitoba and all of its Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) marked the occasion.



NTK Team Members blowing out the candles on our 'first year' birthday cake: (from the left) Lorraine Dacombe-Dewar, Bev Cumming, Charlyn Black, Pat Martens, Debbie Nelson

Much has been accomplished since the beginning of the project in 2001. The 2002 Deliverable - the first of three research reports to be completed during the project's five year duration - is nearing finalization. The topic for the second report is currently under discussion and will be decided soon.

Team members have received computer and research training as part of the regular team meetings. This has helped them to access and make use of information available of the project's secured website. Members have also had the opportunity to attend different conferences relevant to the project as well as their jobs.

The project has also facilitated the information dissemination process. Co-director Pat Martens has received various invitations to present information to several RHAs. Team members have been very active in creating, implementing and reporting on different dissemination strategies used in their own RHAs. Several members have also mentioned that involvement in the project has helped to increase communications within and between RHAs.



F.Y.I.

- Next NTK team meeting (#5): October 7, 2002
- 9th Annual Rural and Northern Health Care Meeting: October 8, 2002. Everyone is welcome to attend, and may be especially interesting for RHA board members, planners, and front-line workers.
- 1st NTK Deliverable to be released Winter 2002/03
- Are you interested in a career in Health Services Research? For information about the "Western Regional Training Centre in Health Services Research (WRTC) the new collaborative training initiative of UBC and U of M, contact Elaine Dunn: (204) 789-3368 or edunn@ms.umanitoba.ca

Getting the Word Out...

NTK Co-Director Pat Martens has been very busy assisting in the knowledge transfer process. She has received many invitations to speak to Boards of Directors, Internal Management and AGMs throughout Manitoba, including the RHAs of Nor-Man (June 2002), Central (June 2002), Parkland (November 2001), the Interlake (October 2002) and a joint meeting with Assiniboine and Brandon RHAs (November 2002).

MCHP researchers would love to speak on any reports of relevance to your RHA planning needs. Just contact us!



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Need Help with the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) Website?



The NTK team attended the *Canadian Community Health Survey Training Workshop (CCHS)* sponsored by Statistics Canada, Manitoba Health (thanks to Dr. Nancy Yu) and the NTK project, at the last NTK meeting in June 2002. If you have any questions or need help accessing information of

use in your RHA, contact Eileen at MCHP. You can reach her via email (Eileen_Pyke@cpe.umanitoba.ca) or phone (204-975-7768).

New Access to NTK Website for Non-Team Members

Access to the NTK secured website has recently been expanded. While some parts remain restricted, non-team members can now check out certain sections of the website, including agendas and presentations from past meetings, newsletters and valuable resource links.

NTK team members must now provide a userid and password to access the secured sections of the website. This information was emailed to team members in July 2002. If you are having any difficulties, don't hesitate to contact Elaine Burland for assistance.

So Long Debbie....

On behalf of the entire NTK team, we would like to wish the best to Debbie Nelson. She is leaving her position as Director of Professional Practice and NTK representative in Burntwood RHA to work in the North Eastman RHA. Her work as the NTK Northern Representative on the Advisory Board was most appreciated.



NTK Team January 2002: (from the left) Pat Martens, Linda Kostiuk, Betty MacKenzie, Eileen Pyke, Randy Fransoo, Sarah Bowen, Tannis Erickson, Eilish Cleary (and Cormac), Jody Allan, Shelley Buchan, Sue Crockett, Bev Cumming, Debbie Nelson, Faye White, Deborah Malazdrewicz, Valdine Berry

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