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DID YOU KNOW?

- GHX for the EDI-Data Management system is now live.
- Medbuy has set up a discussion board just for NSC members.
- Remember to make use of the handbook and templates that were sent out for you to utilize as you require.

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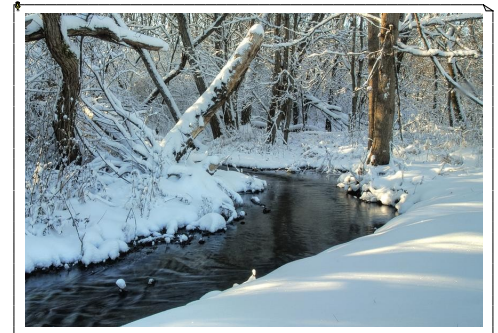
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General Manager's Message—Derek Gascoigne

I am pleased to announce that Michael Giardetti has accepted the position of Regional Manager, Strategic Sourcing for the Northwest Supply Chain collaboration, a joint venture of St. Joseph's Care Group and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. Michael received his Bachelor of Science – Accounting degree from Saint Francis University, Pennsylvania in 2003 and is currently pursuing a professional designation in Supply Chain Management. Michael joined the Northwest Supply Chain in 2012 after 9 years of private sector experience in strategic sourcing and financial management across the United States and Western Canada. Please join me in welcoming Michael to his new role.

Medbuy - GPO—Medical/Surgical/Pharmacy Conversion

- Karen Noble has replaced Dawn Bouffard as Coordinator, Member Services. Her contact information is (519) 652-1688 ext. 168 knoble@medbuy.ca
- Transition plan for Baxter IV pumps is moving along, see page two for details.



Pandemic Planning

Pandemic planning for Ebola is ongoing and our planning efforts as site 11 is starting to take shape. We have reached out to the members with product identification and also had one of our Clinical Specialists for PPE attend one of our weekly conference calls. The good news is we have the list of PPE the region should be ordering, however NSC is not supplying them product as many thought we were going to, so there is ongoing education and development of the plan.

GHX - Data Management Implementation

Electronic invoices from GHX into Ormed/Virtuo are importing. We continue to review order exceptions and apply the supplier changes to UOM, Price, Part numbers in Ormed/Virtuo in a more timely manner with the use of GHX.

GHX has created a Provider and Shared Services Advisory Group (PSSAG). This group will work towards identifying common supply chain issues and developing recommendations and actions to address those issues. One of the goals will be to reduce costs within the Canadian healthcare supply chain by utilizing and promoting an eCommerce platform. With more organizations and suppliers using eCommerce, overall costs will continue to fall.

Special Projects

Baxter Colleague 1.5 I.V. Pump upgrade, the following is the transition plan for NSC Members:

Sioux Lookout – Remediation and Training was completed in August 2014

LWDH – Remediation and on-site training is planned for late 2015.

Nipigon, Geraldton, Marathon, Red Lake – Currently in progress with ongoing remote training. Completion is scheduled for December 2014.

Terrace Bay - Will receive on-site training, currently being scheduled.

Dryden – Planned for late 2015

Atikokan/Manitouwadge – Planned for Dec 2014, but not yet started.

St. Josephs Care Group – Currently in planning stage

Upcoming Medbuy Conversions

- MM Paediatric Nursery Supplies C2492
- OR Suction Tubing and Products CHS C8189
- Blackstone for Natural Gas Nov 1
- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Vascular access devices

Notable Medbuy contract awards

- C8440 Enteral Feeding Pumps - remains with Incumbent
- Awards were made in June with Medline, Welch Allyn, Tyco Healthcare, Fibertech, AMT Electrosurgery, 3M, Johnson and Johnson
- Safety and Surgical blades
- Specific Urology
- Hernia Repair - contract extended to fall

Future Opportunities

- RAI Minimum Data Set MDS, Interrai LTC
- Insurance Services - Phase II
- Infant Formula
- DI Equipment Service
- Vending Machines

Work In Progress

- Underpads and Adult Incontinence products
- Elevators
- New Central Venous Line Securement dressing
- Non Infant Nutrition Products
- Ortho Joints
- Cardiac Products
- Linens
- Intraocular Lens (IOL)/Custom Eye Packs
- MSDS
- Germicidal Wipes
- Pharmacy Consulting
- Employee Benefits

Recent Contracts Awarded

- Audit Services (Tax)
- Medical Gases
- Green Energy Reporting
- Blood Glucose Monitoring
- Blunt Fill Needle

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