



# Northwest Supply Chain

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## DID YOU KNOW:

- Nadine Doucette is the new Board of Directors Chair for TBRHSC.
- Approximately 350 patients per year are referred out of Northwestern Ontario for vascular surgery and vascular related procedures.
- Geraldton District Hospital is currently recruiting for a new CEO.
- \$222 Million, the annual spend taken to market by Medbuy in 2014.
- NSC is always a phone call away to provide BPS advice or to assist with individual hospital requirements.

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### General Manager's Message—Derek Gascoigne

The summer months has brought a rash of opportunities that may open up further collaborative opportunities for the Northwest members. We are focusing on three opportunities : adding additional Healthcare related organizations from the region, elevated discussions with Northeast Hospitals and a joint initiative with 3 other Shared Service Organizations to drive enhanced buying power and collaboration through a GHX software tool.

Phase 11 of our Transfer Payment Agreement was completed over the summer and our final phase is now under way with a target completion date of February 2016. Verification and sign offs of all deliverables should be completed by June of 2016 with the Ministry.



### Medbuy - GPO—Medical/Surgical/Pharmacy Conversion

- Medbuy's Annual Report is now available on their website.
- Medbuy issued 50 RFP's and signed 140 contracts for medical/surgical and pharmaceutical products in 2014.
- The Medbuy/NSC conversion plan from August 1 to November 1, 2015 is now posted on the Microsite.
- Conversions to Medbuy contracts continue to move ahead with a cumulative total of **83 MM/OR/MI** and **12 PH** contracts converted since June, 2015.

### GHX - Data Management Implementation

The trials of the 832 transaction set identified software bugs within the system. Associated fixes have been loaded into the test system for further analysis. Testing and training for the Medisolution sales module was completed on July 28, 2015 and expectations are that the "go live" date will occur in September. It has been identified that the HealthPro web site contained a bug in 2012 that resulted in some members being inadvertently committed to contracts in error. Both HealthPro and Medbuy have been notified of this issue. The Medbuy feed to GHX has been found to contain inconsistent information resulting in inaccurate pricing exceptions. Work continues to resolve that issue. Ormed is currently working on a solution for the asset number feature and meetings will be arranged once the resolution has been determined by Ormed.

### **Good News Stories:**

- Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, Executive VP, Patient Services and CNE at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre has also been appointed CEO of the Nipigon District Memorial Hospital.
- Atikokan General Hospital announced that the provincial government will be investing \$11.3 Million to expand and renovate their facility. The project will provide an additional 4 acute care beds and 4 long term care beds. The renovations and additions which encompass greater than 15,000 square feet are expected to be completed in 2017.
- Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre participated in a demonstration of the new Regional Critical Care Response (RCCR) program. The RCCR program will connect 11 of the Northwestern Ontario hospitals to critical care staff at TBRHSC. Real time collaborative patient assessments will occur via videoconferencing which is designed to facilitate expedited safe transfer of critically ill patients to TBRHSC.

### **Upcoming Medbuy Conversions**

- OR Thrombectomy & Embolectomy Catheters
- OR Wound Closure Strips
- OR Bouffant caps and shoe covers
- MM Respiratory products
- MM Closed Suction Catheters
- MM Natural Gas and Electricity Advisory Service
- MM Upper Airway Management.

### **Work In Progress**

- Vital signs monitors-in evaluation stage
- Multi-Vendor Service Agreement for DI Equipment-target for award is in August.
- Supply of 18 First Response Vehicles for LWDH and Emergency Health Services, North District is currently being evaluated.

### **Notable Medbuy contract awards**

- Alternate Vascular Access Devices—June 1/15.
- Ostomy & Pouching Products—August 1/15.
- Travel Services awarded to Incumbent.

### **Recent Contracts Awarded**

- Linens - Split award George Courey and MIP
- Telephone Landline maintenance and service

**Website Redevelopment:** The Northwest Supply Chain website has undergone significant changes during the summer. In response to identified needs, it was determined that the NSC presence within the TBRHSC website required enhancements that will allow for easier access by our customers. What has resulted is an interactive, user friendly and visually appealing presence that sets the NSC uniquely apart from TBRHSC content. It became apparent prior to the redevelopment that the role of the NSC as a shared service organization was not showcased in a manner that was conducive to meeting the needs of members, business partners and government representatives. Brand recognition, membership, key performance indicators and services offered are included to highlight and define the dynamic value based supply chain NSC model. Work will continue in the following months to refine the site specific to the needs of our members and to ensure content is maintained in a timely manner.

The direct link to the Northwest Supply Chain web page is **[www.tbrhsc.net/nsc](http://www.tbrhsc.net/nsc)**. Alternatively, the NSC site can be accessed from the TBRHSC home page by selecting "Regional Partners" from the top menu bar, then select Northwest Supply Chain from the drop down menu.

The Northwest Supply Chain is pleased to welcome Marissa Pattison to the TBRHSC Purchasing department! Marissa began her role as Casual Buyer in July and will assume the Secretary position in September.