

September 18, 2008

Chief XXXX

XXXXXXX Community

Fax: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

Dear Chief XXXX

KO Telemedicine (KOTM) currently supports 26 isolated and semi-isolated First Nations communities with a comprehensive integrated clinical service model. Member communities have access to a full range of health professionals (Medical Specialists/Sub-Specialists, General Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Occupational, Physio- and Speech and Language Therapists) via a secure and interoperable link with the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN). In addition KOTM distributes medical and health administrative, education, training and specialized First Nations (Elder luncheons, family visits) programming. A marketing package has been enclosed to provide you with additional information on KO Telemedicine’s services and benefits.

Canada Health Infoway has provided funding to develop a plan and road map for completing the implementation of Telehealth in Ontario’s most remote First Nations. The objectives of the planning project are to:

* Establish the Telehealth readiness and demand for Telehealth Services of the 24 unserved NAN First Nations and identify priority First Nations Telehealth sites;
* Determine and address privacy impacts which can serve as the beginning of the due diligence necessary for a NAN wide comprehensive service;
* Engage NAN First Nations health leadership and Federal/Provincial (F/P) stakeholders to establish a sustainable Telehealth service framework for NAN First Nations; and
* Develop a Phase 2 implementation plan for expanding First Nations Telemedicine access in Ontario.

This project, which is expected to be completed December 31st, 2008, is supported by KO Telemedicine’s regional PTO (Nishnawbe-Aski Nation) and has been endorsed by the Chiefs of Ontario.

Tina Kakepetum-Schultz, KO Telemedicine’s Engagement Coordinator, will be contacting you in the next few weeks to discuss the benefits for your community in joining the KO Telemedicine Network and how we can work together to assess the telemedicine readiness of your community and ultimately bring telemedicine into your community.

Please feel free to contact me at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or donnawilliams@knet.ca if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Williams

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