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**OQ 871-17(5): Fort Providence Health Care**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on June 4, 2015 regarding health care services in Fort Providence.

The NWT Home and Community Care Program promotes wellness and supports clients so they are able to remain in their homes. Comprehensive needs assessments are conducted for each client receiving Home Care services in the Dehcho region. Care planning is designed and implemented based on an assessment of the client's physical, functional, and psycho-social needs.

The Dehcho Health and Social Services Authority's Regional Home Care Coordinator collaborates with Health Centre staff in Fort Providence (Nurse in Charge and Home Support Workers) to ensure clients are provided with care and support according to their assessed care needs. The Authority plans to have the Regional Home Care Coordinator conducting client assessments and care planning in Fort Providence one week per month. Visits may be more frequent if the need arises.

Palliative care services are also a component of the NWT Home and Community Care Program that is available to NWT residents based on need and available resources. Palliative care training is provided to nurses and home support staff to better address the needs of the patient.

As I mentioned in the House, the intent of the NWT health care system is to support residents through a variety of programs. Fort Providence Health Centre programs include: the NWT Home and Community Care Program; Chronic Care (including diabetes services); Infant and Child Health; Maternal Health; School Health; Adult Health; Communicable Disease Control; and Treatment and Emergency Services.

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I have committed to re-establish regional input in regions that currently do not have an active Board of Management. Bill 44 (*Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act*) provides for the creation of Regional Wellness Councils, with a mandate to advise the Territorial board of management regarding: priorities under the territorial plan; the promotion of health and wellness and other matters referred to by Territorial board of management. Chairpersons of the Regional Wellness Councils will also sit as regular members of the Territorial board of management.

The appointment of interim Regional Wellness Councils provides opportunity to re-establish regional capacity and work with current Public Administrators to transition ahead of Bill 44 coming into force. The current Public Administrators and Boards of Management will remain in place until Bill 44 comes into force. I will consult with the regions to determine the most appropriate method of selecting Regional Wellness Council members.

We are committed to the health and wellbeing of all our residents and we will continue to collaborate with communities to achieve the Best Health, Best Care, For a Better Future.

Thank you.



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