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This document represents the initial update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Commission of Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing Report (CIHRT) and the Report of the Task Force on Adverse Health Events.

Since receiving the CIHRT report on March 3, 2009, the Provincial Government has moved quickly to implement the recommendations made by Madame Justice Margaret Cameron and to further implement recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on Adverse Health Events.

This initial phase has been tabled in the House of Assembly on May 28, 2009. As per the recommendation in the CIHRT report, the Minister of Health and Community Services will report to the House of Assembly on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in this report by March 31, 2010.

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Commission of Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing (C) and Task Force on Adverse Health Events (TF)

Resource Allocation (2009)	Initiative / Action	Appropriate Rec. #	Status
\$ 5 million	<p>Hire patient navigators for Regional Health Authorities (RHAs)</p> <p>Hire Provincial Director of Pathology & Lab Services</p> <p>Create separate position of Vice-President Quality within RHAs</p> <p>Implement Parks / Hewlett recommendations re laboratories review completed in fall 2008</p> <p>Retain the services of an independent medical consultant(s) to assist RHAs with decisions around ER/PR re-testing</p> <p>Apology legislation</p> <p>Licensing and regulation of medical laboratory technologists</p>	<p>C 58</p> <p>C 2</p> <p>C 3</p> <p>C 5</p> <p>C 42, 43, 44, 47</p> <p>TF 19 & C 36</p> <p>C 22</p>	<p>Funding has been provided for these positions in Budget 2009 and will be allocated to the regional health authorities (RHAs) in June 2009.</p> <p>A position description is being finalized. Recruitment will begin in June - July.</p> <p>Boards are being asked to review their executive management structure to accommodate a VP Quality portfolio.</p> <p>RHAs are in the process of implementing, or have implemented, the recommendations regarding the review of laboratories by Mr. William Parks and Mr. Brian Hewlett.</p> <p>The process of selecting a qualified independent medical consultant(s) has started. The consultant(s) will work with/through a small liaison committee comprised of individuals from the RHAs.</p> <p>Apology legislation has been introduced into the spring 2009 session of the House of Assembly.</p> <p>Umbrella legislation pertaining to the licensing and regulation of medical laboratory technologists, and other health professionals, is targeted for the fall 2009 session of the House of Assembly.</p>

\$2.7 million	Implement Task Force:	TF 31	<p>Funding has been provided for this in Budget 2009. Work has started on the role and function of the office to manage adverse reporting. The office will be established in the fall of 2009.</p> <p>Funding has been provided in Budget 2009. Recruitment will begin in the fall.</p>
	<p>Establish provincial coordinating office to manage adverse event reporting</p> <p>Hire patient safety officers and physician leaders for patient safety issues</p>	TF 34, TF 40	
	Undertake research and training Initiatives	TF 2, 5, 10, 20, 24	<p>As first step, arrangements are being for the Institute for Health Care Communications to conduct a training program for RHA personnel regarding the disclosure of adverse health events. Training sessions are scheduled for October 26-28, 2009.</p>
	Review / amend / develop policies pertaining to adverse events management	TF 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 37	<p>The Task Force and Cameron reports contain approximately 25 recommendations pertaining to adverse health events management. Many of these policies are in place at RHAs in whole or in part. The Department is in the process of hiring an individual to work with the RHAs to develop a standardized core set of policies and protocols, consistent with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) guidelines, regarding the management of regional and multi-jurisdictional adverse health events.</p>
\$3 million	Expand occurrence reporting system	TF 4 & C 12	<p>In June 2008, Eastern Health entered into an agreement to develop an electronic adverse events occurrence reporting system. Full implementation is targeted for February 2010. In Budget 2009, Government allocated \$3 million to expand this system to all RHAs.</p>

\$2.3 million	Quality improvement initiatives, including: Plan for a provincial lab accreditation program	C 4	Meetings have been held with Accreditation Canada and Quality Management Program – Laboratory Services (QMPLS), Ontario Medical Association, to review lab accreditation options. Negotiations are underway with the selected body and it is anticipated that an MOU will be signed by September 2009.
	Hire laboratory & quality management personnel	C 16	Monies have been allocated to RHAs. RHAs have been notified to begin the process of hiring.
\$3 million	Purchase laboratory equipment	C 14	Government has allocated of \$3 million to RHAs for this purpose.
\$1 million	Develop an Electronic Patient Record	C 39	This process began approximately four years ago. The following components are complete: client registry; provider registry; IPACS; pharmacy network; E-Labs. This year an additional \$1 million has been allocated. In the next phase the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information will issue an RFP in (June 2009) to develop a provincial plan for consolidation of patient information systems within RHAs. Discussions have been taking place with Canada Health Infoway re potential cost sharing of this initiative.
Other Initiatives / Actions			
The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information has completed a first iteration of a database to house and track the implementation of the recommendations of the Cameron and Task Force reports.			
At the latest First Minister's Conference, the Premier indicated the need for a national laboratory accreditation program. At the last meeting of provincial health ministers, the Minister of Health and Community Services also advocated for a Canada-wide lab accreditation program (as per recommendation C4).			
Four positions for the provincial cancer registry have been approved as follows: one health records technician, one computer analyst, one clinical project lead, one epidemiologist. An amount of \$221,500 was approved in Budget 2009 for these positions. These funds have been allocated to Eastern Health.			
An amount of \$500,000 was approved in Budget 2009 for planning for a Pet Scanner. A planning committee has been established and specifications are under development.			
Equipment approved for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre in Budget 2009 amounts to \$4,000,000, inclusive of a radiation treatment machine. This funding has been allocated to Eastern Health. Tender for the radiation treatment machine will be called in fall 2009.			
Nexavar and Xeloda are the two prescription drugs added to the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Plan formulary ... to treat liver and colorectal cancer. The Department began assessing requests as of April 2009 under the special authorization process for these medications.			

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. An organizational structure for the initiative has been developed and approved.
2. A project manager has been engaged and has been meeting regularly with a senior DHCS working group.
3. A Department Steering Committee has been appointed to lead the processes around the change process.
4. Terms of reference for a Provincial Implementation Committee has been developed and approved.
5. Members to the Provincial Steering and Implementation Committees will be appointed in June 2009.
6. Cameron and Task Force recommendations have been organized into a set of themes for action by the Provincial Implementation Committee.
7. Terms of reference for a Minister's Advisory Committee on issues arising from the Cameron Inquiry is in process.