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Info Bulletin

RHA Central prepares for potential spring flooding

Southport - MB – March 3, 2011: The Regional Health Authority – Central Manitoba Inc. (RHA Central) is taking steps to begin planning and making preparations for possible impacts of spring flooding on health facilities and services within Central Region. These efforts will support municipal and provincial agencies who assume primary responsibility to oversee an effective response to events such as flooding. While it is too soon to predict flood levels, potential factors include snowfall/rain, melt duration, and run-off weather.

RHA Central is presently coordinating flood preparation and action related to the Region's health sites/services. Contingency plans are being reviewed and preliminary meetings have been held with RHA Central managers whose sites/programs may potentially be impacted by flooding. All other facilities and programs within the Region are also being asked to review their contingency plans to assess their capacity to receive incoming evacuees and their ability to support affected sites and services, should the need arise.

As planning progresses, affected site caregivers, clients and families will receive more direct and specific communications as information becomes available.

Ongoing updates will be provided through various mediums including the RHA Central website, www.rha-central.mb.ca. General/media enquiries about health facilities and services should be directed to RHA Central Corporate Communications (248-7250) while specific client/family enquiries may be directed to Brad Street, Director of Health Services – Morris/Emerson (746-2301; bstreet@rha-central.mb.ca).

The RHA Central would like to take this opportunity to thank health care staff, stakeholders and partners for their continued hard work and support as we work together in ensuring continued safe, quality health care.

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Resource Support Lines:

- Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line: 1-866-367-3276
- Mental Health Crisis Service: 1-866-588-1697
- Clinic: 1-888-322-3019
- Mental Health Intake: 1-888-310-4593