## Pandemic Planning Workshop Held In Thunder Bay

(Thunder Bay, ON, Monday, May 7, 2007) St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) partnered to present a workshop entitled *Pandemic Planning: What's in it for me?* This workshop provided information on what staff can do to better prepare themselves and their families in the event of a disaster, as well as information about local pandemic planning that has taken place at the Thunder Bay health care facilities.

Kay Cranston, Coordinator, Infection Control TBRHSC, said, "We hope this workshop provided some answers to questions and raised some thought provoking issues around pandemic planning."

Keynote speaker, Bill Tibbo is a dynamic speaker with 15 years experience in the areas of critical incident and disaster management, most recently 9-11 and SARS. Bill Tibbo challenged staff to develop their own personal preparation plans for the possibility of a pandemic.

There were speakers from the Regional Infection Control Network, St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

The workshop was held at the Travelodge Hotel Airlane and approximately 200 staff from both organizations and the region were in attendance.

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