Dear Stroke Care Partner,

May 1, 2019

The Northeastern Ontario (NEO) Stroke Network is pleased to announce a SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY for health care providers across Northeastern Ontario.

We are offering a maximum sponsorship of **$3000** to be made available to one professional group from a hospital/health care agency to assist with one of the options described below.

**First Option:**
Organizing and hosting a workshop or course in their community or place of employment within the region. Topic for the event must be supported in some way by the Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations (www.strokebestpractices.ca)

-OR-

**Second Option:**
Implementation of a tool or specific initiative at your facility in congruence with stroke best practices

If you or your professional group has an interest in one of the above two options, I invite you to complete the Application for Sponsorship attached. This application can also be found on our website at https://www.neostrokenetwork.com/Portals/15/Resources/2019%20Sponsorship%20Application.pdf?ver=2019-05-24-115803-140&timestamp=1558713491816

Deadline for submission of applications for this sponsorship funding is **June 28th 2019**. The NEO Stroke Network will consider all completed applications for sponsorship that meet the requirements as outlined. All applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of the approval process.

**The Organizing Group’s role (for first option):**

a) The organizing group that commits to host the course/workshop will organize and run the event independent of the NEO Stroke Network. All communication with the presenter, registration, venue rental and catering, participant packages, etc. will be the responsibility of the organizing group.

b) The organizing group is expected to acknowledge the NEO Stroke Network as a sponsor of the event and use the network logo on any materials related to the event.

c) The organizing group will send a final report to the NEO Stroke Network for our review, within two weeks following the event. This report will include a final budget of income and expenses. The final report template will be sent to the successful applicant.
e) If circumstances are such that the event has to be cancelled after the funding has been provided (i.e. low registration numbers or the speaker cancels), the organizing group will return the funds to the NEO Stroke Network.

The NEO Stroke Network’s role (for first option):

a) The NEO Stroke Network will notify the successful applicant and send all the paperwork (including an MOU) required and explain the process to receive the funding.

b) The NEO Stroke Network logo will be supplied to the organizer and is to be included in the course related documents/emails.

c) The NEO Stroke Network can assist in the promotion of this event by emailing the poster/information (provided to us by the host group) to our contacts across the Region.

d) The NEO Stroke Network can assist with the evaluation process.

If you apply for the second option, and are the successful applicant, the NEO Stroke Network will outline your group’s specific role, as well as the role of the Network, at that time in order to carry out your best practice initiative.

In the past, some of the previously funded projects included:

- Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (Sudbury – ICAN)
- Improving Shoulder and Hand Function Post-Stroke (Parry Sound)
- Management of Hemiplegic Shoulder and Upper Limb (Timmins)
- Stroke Best Practices (Parry Sound)
- Choosing Assessment Tools and Using Everyday Tasks to Treat Cognitive Deficits (Sudbury)
- Roll out of STAND Dysphasia Screening Tool (Sault Ste. Marie)
- Online Graduate Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation (Parry Sound)
- A Guide to Accurate Assessment and Treatment of the Upper Extremity in Stroke (Parry Sound)
- NDT Introduction Course and NDT Upright Posture Course (Sault Ste. Marie)

Should you have any questions regarding this Sponsorship Opportunity to receive up to $3000 to assist in the implementation of stroke best practice in our region, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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