

To: Ogema Township Board, Treasurer and Clerk

From: North Pine Area Hospital District

Subject: Offering Free First Responder and Defibrillator Training

Emergency response to health crisis is an ongoing challenge in every rural community and our area is no exception. As you all know ambulance service can take valuable time to reach many areas of the Hospital District territory. However, a trained neighbor giving life-saving help can make a huge difference in the outcome. We all know that the first hour is critically important to recovery from a serious health problem or accident.

For this reason, the North Pine Area Hospital District is offering our cities and townships an opportunity to encourage their citizens to get <u>free</u> First Responder or Defibrillator training. Neighbors can help other neighbors in a health emergency if they have the training.

We ask you to talk to your citizens and see if there are a few who might be interested in getting first responder or defibrillator training. The only thing that we ask is that they also make themselves available to all area residents during a health emergency.

Email (kristine_sundberg@hotmail.com) or call Kris Sundberg at 952-239-6394 by October 15, 2023 and let us know if there is an interest getting one or both of the training sessions. If there is enough interest, we will arrange the free training classes.

Your suggestions are always welcomed.