

Board Highlights

September 30, 2015



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on September 30, 2015 at Thompson Regional Office. Board Highlights are usually produced within a few days of Board meetings as a way to share timely information about the outcomes and decisions of each board meeting.

The highlights are consistent with our commitment to communicate open, transparent and timely information with our stakeholders. The highlights are posted on the Region's website. For more information or clarification on any issue in these highlights, please contact Doug Lauvstad, NRHA Board Chair or Helga Bryant, CEO.

Community Connections

Doug Lauvstad called the meeting to order and invited Martha Jonasson to lead the opening prayer.

Board Education

Donna Champagne presented on the Mental Health aspect of the National Health Leadership Conference she attended in PEI. Following her presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Donna.

Glenn Hildebrand presented on governance and fiduciary responsibilities. Following the presentation, the Board entered in a question and answer session with Glenn.

Shawn Hnidy presented on the Board's expense claim process. Following his presentation, Shawn engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

Helga Bryant presented an Acute Care Analysis. Following their presentation, Helga engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The LHIG in The Pas has responded to the Board's questions in a letter and has raised a number of issues and concerns which the Board will respond to in a letter back to the LHIG. The Thompson LHIG failed to achieve quorum in its last two meetings. Their next meeting is scheduled right after Thanksgiving.

Finance Committee Report

The Board approved the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2015.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the 2015-16 annual operating budget as presented.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and CEO will seek a meeting with the Minister to discuss funding and financial concerns within the Region.

Annual Report

The Board approved the 2015-16 Annual Report of the Northern Regional Health Authority as presented.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee the Board approved Appendix 14 – Fiduciary Responsibilities of the Board as presented.

Executive Committee

On the recommendation by the Executive Committee, the Board approved the CEO Evaluation Report for 2015-16 and thanked the CEO for her ongoing service.

The Board approved revisions to Board policy EE-1.

The Board approved revisions to Board policy EE-2.

The Board was advised about changes to administrative policies related to Electronic Fund Transfers and the Procurement policy.

Monitoring Reports

The Board approved the monitoring report, EE-4 Patient First Approach, as presented.

The Board approved the monitoring report, EE-5 Board Support, External Relations, as presented.

Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report

Activities will occur Region-wide during Patient Safety Week Oct 26-30. This national week of recognition will bring the issues of patient safety to the forefront of our staff through a number of fun and thoughtful activities. As part of the accreditation process, a patient Safety Culture survey instrument will be administered in all sites during patient safety week.

Accreditation Standards: The Board discussed Standards 11.5 and 13.6, which both relate to board governance.

CEO Report

At each meeting, the CEO presents a report based on the strategic directions as developed by the Board. These strategic directions set the course of action for programs & services delivered in the Region. In addition, these directions also incorporate the priorities developed by Manitoba Health & the provincial priorities as committed to by the Manitoba government. A verbal update was provided to the Board. Highlights include:

- Northern Orthopaedic Surgery Program is getting underway in the Region;
- Safer Healthcare Now audit is being rolled out in the Region;
- The Region will attend the KCC Special Chief's Assembly in Fox Lake;
- EMS issues were discussed including the risks of devolution without appropriate accompanying funding from MB Health;
- The recent Northern Lights Tour of university students was a great success with student demand outstripping available spaces on the busses. We will try to ensure more spaces are available for future tours.

Physician Assisted Death

Scott Hamel, VP Communications and Stakeholder Relations and Dr. Hussam Azzam discussed the implementation of the Supreme Court decision that will permit physician assisted death as of February 2016. Discussions included the processes involved in implementing the decision and the many stakeholders involved in those processes. Updates will occur as more information on progress is available.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The Bollywood event Sept 23 & 24 in Flin Flon was very successful with gross revenue of more than \$61,000. That revenue and other donations have brought the Foundation's bank balance to more than \$100,000. Included in that revenue, was a donation of \$25,000 from the Flin Flon Rotary Club with a commitment to an additional \$25,000 in 2016 and 2017.

Northern Health Summit Update

The focus for the day will be on the recovery oriented model of Mental Health that is being implemented Region-wide. The agenda for the day was shared with the Board.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) & will rotate between the Region's major centres. The Board will utilize Telehealth to reduce travel during the winter months & support Board members by making it easier to attend Board meetings closer to their home community.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Oct 28/15	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital Boardroom	Regular Meeting
Nov 25/15	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Boardroom, The Pas Health Complex	Regular Meeting
Jan 27/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital Boardroom	Regular Meeting
Feb 24/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Thompson- Room 141/143	Regular Meeting