

# Board Highlights

June 22, 2016



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on June 22, 2016 at the First Floor Conference Room of The Pas Health Complex. 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 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 Lloyd Flett, NRHA Interim Board Chair or Helga Bryant, CEO.

## **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

Lloyd Flett called the meeting to order. Martha Jonasson opened the meeting in prayer. The Board welcomed new member Catherine Pellizzaro.

## **Board Education**

Wayne Lusk, a Partner with MNP, the Board's Auditors was joined by VP of Finance and CFO Shawn Hnidy to present the 2015-16 Audited Financial Statements to the Board. Following their presentation, Shawn and Wayne engaged in a robust question and answer session with the Board.

## **Audit Committee Report**

On a recommendation from the Audit Committee, the Board approved the 2016-17 Workplan for the Audit Committee as presented.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the Audited Financial Statements for 2015-16.

On a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the 2016-17 Workplan for the Finance Committee as presented.

## **Governance Committee Report**

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved the Governance Manual Part 1 as presented.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 15, Board of Directors Knowledge, Experience, Skills Matrix as presented.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 16, Board Committee Terms of References for all Committees as presented.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved the Governance Committee 2016-17 Workplan as presented.

## **Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee Report**

Connections have been established with the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Authority. A Cultural Competency program will be held in the fall. The NHR is represented on the WRHA curriculum advisory council. A new community member is interested in joining the committee.

Work is ongoing with the Aboriginal Health Strategy and it will be brought to future meetings for review/approval. Survey is being drafted and reviewed and revised in the fall.

### **Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report**

On a recommendation from the Quality and Patient Safety Committee, the Board adopted a static meeting time for the committee meeting be held regularly at 1pm during the regular board meetings.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted the Monitoring Report, Appendix 14, Fiduciary Responsibilities of the Board.

### **Yearly Board Evaluation Report**

Results of the Yearly Board Evaluation Report were distributed to the Board and following a discussion the Board accept the Yearly Board Evaluation Report as presented.

### **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:

- OHA steering committee meeting was held; Dr. Isaac is engaged in moving the plan forward and Tracey Williams has attended for EMR training
- TGH building issues; joint briefing note has been submitted to MB Health regarding the ongoing HVAC issues. One anomaly issue regarding the pipe above the OR which is leaking and expansion beam between the old and new buildings that has been an issue since it was built. Maintenance manager traditionally asked to fix the leak with no permanent solution and will need to be addressed with MB Health. Requesting an engineering report to see what is required to fix.
- Thompson Nurse Practitioner Brenda Dawyduk was acknowledged at the last Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety meeting for her role on that Board and her contributions specifically to the Board Development Committee.
- ELC will be deliberating over efficiency targets that will be sent to MB Health by Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Many ideas require us to invest but will allow for savings in future. Target is 2.5 million (1.5% of budget)

### **Community Engagement Events**

Cormorant held sessions with youth in the community to educate on Diabetes/dialysis and disease prevention in which the staff from The Pas Hospital and Primary Health Care attended. We hope to plan more visits in the fall to continue the education.

The Flin Flon ER Project has increased the positivity in Flin Flon. A question that has been asked by several in the Community in regards to the PCH; given the sprinkler upgrade we are not filling available beds and currently 15 open beds. PCH has 30 beds with goal being to get down to 15 beds and move to acute care floor of the hospital. We are now down below 15 beds and another 8 paneled in acute care. Once the project is done we will have empty beds and will be able to take more. Tender closed one month ago but we are awaiting the funding letter to proceed. We will add some signage in the PCH informing families about why beds are empty and what our plans are.

Kudos from a client in Flin Flon who received negative health news but the way they were told and every aspect of their care has been handled well.

Norway House Cree Nation working on action to help control drugs entering the Community.

### **Northern Health Region Foundation**

Community contribution is 2.425 million dollars of which we expect to receive a number of credits for Saskatchewan residents; SK First Nation residents as well as land values. MB Health provides an agreement which once received was missing the above noted credits and is currently being discussed. With all credits used remaining amount to raise is about \$946,799.00. At the open house last week, the Chair of the Foundation presented a cheque on behalf of the donors representing the first payment back to the Region. The Foundation agreed to earmark 95% of the funds that were donated to the project and 5% to the running of the foundation. With all credits factored in it leaves \$692,600.00 left to fundraise.

### **Upcoming Community Engagement Events**

A meeting in Norway House has been scheduled for September 20.

### **Northern Health Summit**

Planning is well underway; Keynote speaker confirmed to be the South Central Foundation out of Alaska; will be sending two presenters. Save the dates have gone out with work on the agenda underway. Looking to invite Mamawetan RHA to discuss how they have implemented learnings from South Central with coffee chat in the afternoon to involve patients. Proposing to move away from table discussions and have staff do one on one interviews during breaks/lunch. Looking for an MC with suggestions to be brought forward to Leanne.

### **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 video technology 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:

Aug 31/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Rm 141/143, Thompson Regional Office	Regular Meeting
Sept 28/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Rm 141/143, Thompson Regional Office	Regular Meeting
Oct 25/16	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	The Pas Legion Hall	Northern Health Summit
Oct 25/16	12:00 – 1:00 pm	The Pas Legion Hall	NRHA AGM
Oct 26/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	First Floor Conference Room, The Pas Heath Complex	Regular Meeting