

# Board Highlights

January 2021



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on January 27, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and until future notice or otherwise indicated, Board meetings will be held virtually.

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 Cal Huntley, NRHA Board Chair or Helga Bryant, NRHA CEO.

## **Opening Remarks**

Cal Huntley, Board Chair welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

## **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

No members declared a conflict regarding any item on the agenda.

## **Board Education**

Vera Comerford, winner of the Dr. John Wade Patient Safety Initiative Grant, presented on her project on reducing medication errors on an acute care inpatient unit. The Board engaged in a question and answer period with Vera.

The Board participated in the IMS Command meeting with Northern Health Region leadership and public health staff on COVID in the Region.

## **Audit Committee Report**

C. Matechuk provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting.

## **Finance Committee Report**

C. Huntley provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approved the financial statements for the eight (8) months ending November 30, 2020 and the nine (9) months ending December 31, 2020.

## **Governance Committee Report**

Anne Thompson provided a summary of the Governance Committee meeting. On the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 4 and Appendix 17 CEO Position Description as presented.

## **Executive Committee Report**

No report this month.

## **Indigenous Health & Human Resources Committee**

J. Chu and C. Lafreniere provided a summary of the IHHR Committee meeting.

## **Quality & Patient Safety Committee Report**

The Board reviewed and approved the Indicator Dashboard Monitoring reports for October 2020 and for November 2020 as presented.

## **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted monitoring reports EE-1 Primary Directives, EE-2 Finances & IT Asset Protection, and EE-3 Managing Workplace Culture and recommended to the Governance Committee for review.

### **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 and services delivered in the Region. In addition, these directions also incorporate the priorities developed by Manitoba Health and the provincial priorities as committed to by the Manitoba government. A verbal update was offered to further enhance information contained in the CEO Report. The Board engaged in a question and answer session with the CEO.

### **Northern Health Foundation**

C. Atkinson, Foundation Board Chair provided an update.

### **Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIG)**

No report.

### **Community Engagement Events**

Board members provided updates on happenings in their communities.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) and will rotate between the Region's major centres. The Board will utilize audio/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. **During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the use of Microsoft teams will be used to hold the meetings virtually unless otherwise indicated by location below.**

Upcoming meeting dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
February 24, 2021	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Regular Meeting