

# Board Highlights

September 2023



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on September 27th, 2023 via Teams at 10:00am. 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 Carrie Atkinson, NRHA Board Chair or Raj Sewda, NRHA CEO.

## **Opening Remarks**

Carrie Atkinson, Board Chair called the meeting to order.

## **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

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

## **Board Education**

The Board heard from Gareth Lewis, Corrine Katazinski and Tania Kawalchuk from HIROC who presented NRHA Insurance information.

Angel Anderson and Jody Allan joined and presented the 2024/25 Annual Operating Plan to the board.

## **Audit Committee Report**

Carrie and Bruce provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting.

## **Finance Committee Report**

K Valentino, Committee Chair provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting.

## **Governance Committee Report**

Tara Munro-Manych, Committee Chair provided a summary of the Governance Committee meeting.

C Atkinson provided an update for future board education related to Governance coaching will be assisted by Glenn Heldebrant.

## **Executive Committee Report**

No Executive Committee meeting was held this month.

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

Dianne Russell, Vice Board Chair and Committee Member provided a summary of the Indigenous Health and Human Resources Committee meeting.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is Truth and Reconciliation Day; this week is for everyone to participate and educate themselves. The Addressing Indigenous Racism Policy is a huge accomplishment and should be celebrated by all. HR has created flow maps for employees to report any racism.

## **Wisdom Council**

Charlene Lafreniere provided an update on the Wisdom Council budget total is \$217,187 prorated for year 1. 2 Quarters left = \$47,000 for meetings + \$30,546.71 for 1 quarter for coordinator wages assuming the position starts January 2024. Total year 1 costs prorated \$78,046.75. This action plan was shared with the Board at the August meeting and was actioned to Charlene to provide updated financial needs for the board to review and accept at the September Board meeting.

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

Recommendation of the Quality & Patient Safety Committee, the Board approves the Northern Health Region Indicator Dashboard Monitoring Report for May 2022.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted monitoring reports for the EE-4 Patients' First Approach Monitoring Tool with no changes by the board and recommends to the Governance Committee for review.

Appendix 20 Annual Evaluation Form monitoring tool was accepted with no changes by the Board and recommends to the Governance Committee for review.

The ##-5 Board Support External Relations monitoring tool was accepted with no changes by the board and recommends to the Governance Committee for review.

### **CEO Report**

Raj Sewda, CEO provided an overview and highlighted items of interest in his leadership; the Board engaged in a question and answer session with the CEO.

Chad Munro provided an overview of the NAC report. Chad spoke to Philippines recruits, nursing vacancies as well as forensic nursing services throughout the region in the future.

### **Northern Health Foundation**

C. Atkinson, Foundation Board Chair spoke to the Foundation update.

### **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.

Upcoming meeting dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
October 25, 2023.	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Regular Meeting