

# Board Highlights

April 2024



## Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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

Dianne Russel, Board Vice Chair called the meeting to order.

## Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

## Board Education

### **2.1 Ethical Decision Making**

As a follow up action to last month's Governance meeting, Raj spoke about Ethical Decision making and the importance of making decisions ethically, he referenced the Ethics framework (Appendix 22) when making these types of decisions. Raj spoke to the difference between conflict of interest and ethical decision making. Raj and board members engaged in conversation regarding the importance of ethical decision making. Chad Munro spoke to the Ethics Committee which is through the NRHA and where it stands now, there is work being done to get it back up and running with more information to follow.

## Audit Committee Report

**7.2.1** J Berscheid provided an Audit committee update. It was noted on the Audit Compliance Monitoring Report the Board did not make a motion to approve the annual summary budget when presented in August 2023. The Audit Committee suggested to the full board to make this motion now.

## Finance Committee Report

7.1.1.1. S Hnidy spoke to the attached financial statements and engaged in questions with the board members regarding NHR finances.

7.1.1.2. S Hnidy spoke to the attached briefing note; provided a verbal report on the Region's current cash flow. Raj Sewda also spoke to the NHR finances and cashflow and provided some feedback from meetings with Ministry. Shawn and Raj also spoke to the current forensic audit the Region is going through, no end date at this time but all requests have been submitted and the audit is underway. More updates to follow as received.

## Governance Committee Report

### **7.3.1.1 Annual Committee Appointments**

Board members ensued in a discussion of committees, membership and any changes needed. Discussion of committee meeting times to be discussed at May's board meeting. The board would like clarification of IHHR/ Wisdom council and if this will become a sub-committee of the Board of Directors.

*Motion: (55-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Board members to the existing Governance Committee of the Board with no adjustment.*

*Motion: (56-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Board members to the existing Indigenous Health and Human Resources Committee of the Board with no adjustment.*

*Motion: (57-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Board members to the existing Audit Committee of the Board with the adjustment of removing Tara Munro-Manyach and adding Angela Enright and Lynn Zapshala-Kelln.*

*Motion: (58-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Board members to the existing Finance Committee of the Board with the adjustment of adding Lynn Zapshala-Kelln.*

*Motion: (59-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoints Carrie Atkinson, Dianne Russell, Angela Enright, Kathy Valentino and Jim Berscheid to the Executive Committee of the Board.*

*\*Executive Committee is made up of Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, QPS Chair, Finance Chair, Audit Chair.*

*Motion: (60-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Board members to the existing Quality and Patient Safety Committee of the Board with the additions of Lynn Zapshala-Kelln.*

*Motion: (61-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoints Finance Committee Chair Kathy Valentino as the Treasurer.*

*Motion: (62-24): "BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reappoints existing Chief Executive Officer Raj Sewda as the Secretary.*

### **7.3.1.2 Appendix 22 Framework for Ethical Decision Making**

Deferred to May's Board Meeting.

### **Executive Committee Report**

No Executive Committee meeting was held this month.

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

L Markus, Committee Chair provided an update from the IHHR Committee. Charlene gave an update to the reporting for Indigenous Specific Racism with the new RL6 program being rolled out provincially. Charlene also spoke to the roles of IHHR and how it will be covered or rolled into the Wisdom Council in the future. Board asked questions on how IHHR can be implemented into part of the ongoing Board of Directors. Suggestion of a celebration for 2-year anniversary of the signing of the declaration in September, also a 2-year written update is needed.

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

The Board motioned and resolved on the recommendation of the Quality & Patient Safety Committee, to approve the Northern Health Region Indicator Dashboard Monitory Report for February 2023 as presented.

### **Monitoring Reports**

#### **7.3.4.1 Governance Manual Part 1**

*Motion: (63-24) "BE IT RESOLVED the Governance Manual Part 1 monitoring tool be accepted with no changes and recommends to the Governance Committee for review."*

#### **7.3.4.2 Appendix 15 Skills Matrix**

*Motion: (64-24) "BE IT RESOLVED the Appendix 15 Skills Matrix monitoring tool be accepted with no changes and recommends to the Governance Committee for review."*

#### **7.3.4.3 Appendix 16 Board Committees Terms of Reference**

*Motion: (65-24) "BE IT RESOLVED the Appendix 16 Board Committees Terms of Reference monitoring tools be accepted with no changes and recommends to the Governance Committee for review."*

#### **8.1.1 Northern Health Region Indicator Dashboard Monitoring Report February 2024**

*Motion: (66-24) "BE IT RESOLVED on recommendation of the Quality & Patient Safety Committee, the Board approves the Northern Health Region Indicator Dashboard Monitoring Report for February 2024 as presented."*

### **CEO Report**

Raj Sewda provided an overview and highlighted items of interest in his leadership report; the Board engaged in a question and answer session with the CEO. KIM is working on point of care testing with our public health teams with dates to follow. A review of surgical options for NHR is being looked at with hope that ministry will support some expansions within the region in the future.

## **Northern Health Foundation**

### **10.1 Community Connections**

The Board members provided updates on happenings in their communities. Jim spoke to The Pas/OCN Community Foundation which is now up and running with the goal of expanding.

### **10.3 NHR Community Engagement**

Angela provided an update to the board about attending a town and council meeting in April 2024. Snow Lake feels NHR is not filling vacancies due to wanting to close the Snow Lake Health Complex. Snow Lake has recommendations: find common ground between NRHA and the Community of Snow Lake, use of facility for HCA education, cancer care or palliative care, permission to ambulance to leave community to transport patients instead of personal vehicles.

## **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>
May 29th, 2024	10:00 AM	TEAMS	Regular Meeting