

# Board Highlights

August 2024



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on August 28, 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**

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**

**2.1** Charlene Lafreniere and Crystal Gregoire presented a report on implementing the Addressing Indigenous-Specific Racism Policy training. Their presentation was included in the board package.

Dr. Emerson joined as a guest, providing insights on vetting anti-racism training and additional information for the board's review. The NHR is currently not part of the anti-racism committee but expressed interest in joining to provide external updates from the KIM perspective.

### **Building Cultural Proficiency within NHR Staff:**

- Education Day 1 (In-Class): 517 staff members completed
- Education Day 2 (Land-Based): 287 staff members completed
- Total Participation: 1,048 individuals, including NHR staff and community partner organizations, have received and been supported by Cultural Proficiency training.

**2.2** Board Strategic Plan review: Jody Allen joined and presented the current strategic plan based on priorities that align on the new government direction. Jody will complete revisions, establish and monitor key performance indicators and review revised 2025-2030 Strategic plan and approve final version for submission by the end of 2024.

## **Audit Committee Report**

Jim Berschied, Committee Chair, provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting. He confirmed the audit is on track, with results expected soon. Shawn provided updates on two audits: the fiscal audit, which concluded in mid-July with results pending, and the ongoing forensic audit, expected to conclude by September 30th.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Shawn Hnidy presented the financial statements for the periods ending June 30, 2024, and July 31, 2024. All related documents, including the Financial Condition Status briefing note, the summary forecast, board expenses for July 2024, and the Project Summary Report, were included in the board package.

## **Governance Committee Report**

Tara Munro-Manych, Committee Chair provided a summary of the Governance Committee meeting. Whistleblower Policy has been reviewed and recommended wording changes before coming to full board.

## **Executive Committee Report**

No Executive Committee meeting was held this month.

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

Linda Markus, Committee Chair provided an update from the IHHR meeting. The IHHR committee package is attached to the board package for review.

C Lafreniere provided an update on the Wisdom Council formation. Wisdom Council terms of reference and other information is in the IHHR attached package. C Lafreniere also spoke about the Northern Collaborative Working Council.

### **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 May 2024 and June 2024 as presented.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted monitoring reports Government Manual Part 2, Government Manual Part 3, CEO Evaluation of EE Compliance and recommends to the Governance Committee for review.

### **CEO Report**

**9.1** Raj Sewda, CEO provided an overview and highlighted items of interest in his leadership report; attached to the board package for information.

**9.1.1. Annual Report** - Communications Coordinator Sara Pawlachuk presented a PowerPoint on the annual report, explaining the sources of its information. She requested board feedback by Tuesday, September 3rd, with the final report due by the end of September. Raj highlighted new communications initiatives, including internal newsletters and external articles, and thanked Sara and Darcie for their efforts.

**9.1.2. Board retreat** - A draft agenda is attached for reference. The retreat is tentatively set for Thompson, subject to location availability. To reduce costs, there is consideration to hold the retreat without travel. Carrie suggested focusing on Indigenous-Specific Racism education

### **Northern Health Foundation**

C. Atkinson provided an update that was attached to the board package for information.

### **Community Engagement Events**

Board members provided updates on happenings in their communities.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board meetings are open to the public, except for in-camera sessions, and are primarily held via audio/video technology to reduce travel and support Board members by allowing them to attend from their home communities. In-person meetings will be scheduled when necessary.

Upcoming meeting dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
September 25, 2024	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Regular Meeting