

Board Highlights

September 2024



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on September 25, 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 Clinic Full Time Equivalency and Productivity: The presentation on clinic full-time equivalency, prepared by Trisha, our summer student, was shared via screen during the meeting. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to all Board Members.

2.2 ED Wait Times: Lorraine Larocque and Dr. Singh delivered a presentation on Emergency Department (ED) wait times within the NHR and the progress toward achieving the provincial mandate. It was noted that NRHA now has the lowest ED wait times in the province. The presentation will be included in today's board package for members to review at their convenience.

Full Board Recommendation: Share this presentation with the IHHR committee or present it directly to them.

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

7.1.1 Diane Russel, Committee Vice Chair provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting.

Board approved the Financial Statements 5 months ending August 31, 2024.

7.1.1.2 Financial Condition Status Briefing Note: Shawn Hnidy spoke to the document. Update from the in-person ministry meeting in Winnipeg, attended by Raj, Shawn, and Carrie: SDOs are expected to balance the budget this fiscal year. The Forensic Audit, initially set to conclude in May, has been extended and is ongoing into October.

7.1.1.3 Summary Forecast Briefing Note: Shawn Hnidy provided the attached Summary Forecast Briefing Note for information.

7.1.1.4 Board Expenses August 2024:

Board expenses for August 2024 are attached for information. Nicole/Shannon to distribute Calm Air employee pricing form (Nicole emailed during the meeting).

Governance Committee Report

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

Executive Committee Report

7.3.2 The executive committee met last week, with all committee members present. All of that meeting was held in camera.

Indigenous Health & Human Resources Committee

7.3.3 Linda Markus Committee Chair provided an update from the September 24th IHHR meeting which did not have quorum and was an information meeting only. This meeting package is attached to the board package for review.

Guest Mary Jayne Armstrong, Senior Policy Analyst MKO communicated an interest to join the IHHR Committee.

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 July 2024 as presented.

Monitoring Reports

The Board accepted monitoring reports EE-4 Patients' First Approach Monitoring tool and the EE-5 Board Support External Relations with no changes.

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 **Nursing Advisory Council Report** – Ingrid Olson spoke to the Nursing Advisory Council report was attached for review.

9.1.2 **Clinical Advisory Council Report** – Cam Ritzer spoke to the attached Clinical Advisory Council report.

9.1.3 **Allied Health Update** - Cam Ritzer spoke to the attached Allied Health Update report.

9.1.4 **Medical Advisory Council** –The Medical Advisory Council report was attached for information.

9.1.5 **Board Retreat** - Carrie provided an update regarding the upcoming board retreat tentatively scheduled for October 29th, due to the NHR financial concerns Carrie has decided to postpone until the spring.

Northern Health Foundation

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:

Date	Time	Location	Type of Meeting
October 30, 2024	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Regular Meeting