

Board Highlights

November 2024



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on November 20, 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 Russell, 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 Accreditation Program: Governance Functioning Tool (GFT)- Survey Link

Patty Stoltz, Director of Quality & Risk spoke to the Governance Functioning Tool, this survey will take about 1 hour to complete. The link to the survey was emailed out to board members this morning, Dianne asked board members to complete it by November 29th.

2.2 AOP update

Joy provided an update on the Annual Operating Plan which is due to Manitoba Health on February 14, 2025 (this date has been changed from previous years). Jody Allen will join the board in January to review the AOP with board members.

Audit Committee Report

7.2.1 Audit Committee Report

J Berscheid, Committee Chair provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting. Motion to approve extension of MNP for another year

Finance Committee Report

7.1.1 S Hnidy, VP of Corporate Services & CFO spoke to the attached document, the severity of our current financial situation. The department is well aware of NHR cash situation.

7.1.1.1 Financial Statements 7 months ending October 31, 2024

S Hnidy spoke to the attached document for information. We have been allowed an extension of \$17 million deficit; this is not a lump sum of cash but approval to go over budget by this amount.

7.1.1.2 Financial Condition Status Briefing Note

S Hnidy spoke to the attached document for information.

7.1.1.3 Summary Forecast Briefing Note

S Hnidy spoke to the attached document for information.

7.1.1.4 Board Expenses October 2024

Attached to the agenda for information. Discussion ensued on Board expenses, the amount the board is budgeted is there to use, and not utilizing will not aid in NHR's financial savings.

7.1.1.5 Board and Committee Expenses

Attached to the agenda for information.

Governance Committee Report

7.3.1 T Munro Manych, Committee Chair provided a summary of the Governance Committee meeting.

Executive Committee Report

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Indigenous Health & Human Resources Committee

7.3.3 L Markus, Committee Chair provided an update of the Indigenous Health and Human Resources Committee the November meeting was cancelled due to regrets. IHHR is still waiting for the CIHO position to be filled and for member terms to be reviewed. Linda would like to see IHHR Committee on diligent going forward.

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 September 2024 as presented.

Monitoring Reports

7.3.4.1 The Board accepted **GP-1 Board Linkages with Other Organizations**

7.3.4.2 The Board accepted **GP-2 Board Planning Cycle**

7.3.4.3 The Board accepted **GP-3 Cost of Governance**

7.3.4.4 The Board accepted **GP-4 Board and Committee Expenses**

7.3.5 Board Governance Education Follow Up

The board suggested some educational topics:

- Demographic needs as the population evolves. How do we plan for changing demographics?
- Decisions in alignment with trajectory
- Primary Health and what services are provided? How do buildings function?

CEO Report

9.1 R Sewda provided an overview and highlighted items of interest in his leadership report; The organization needs to identify operational waste and bureaucratic spend waste to achieve a 2 million plus of offset to financial pressures. NRHA will continue working towards finding financial waste to reduce fiscal pressures, reduce ED wait times and improves access and equity for our Patients; as per the provincial mandates.

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.

10.4.1 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2025 meeting schedule is attached for information.

Dianne encouraged all to review the schedule, as well as make sure they can attend the in-person meetings scheduled (April, May and June). Dianne expressed the importance of in-person gatherings and meetings and hopes all will make time in calendars to attend as the dates are provided well in advance.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Date	Time	Location	Type of Meeting
January 29, 2025	10:00 AM	VIRTUAL – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Regular Meeting