

Board Highlights

March 2025



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on March 26, 2025 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 Jackie Fitzpatrick, NRHA Board Chair or Raj Sewda, NRHA CEO.

Opening Remarks

Jackie Fitzpatrick, 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 Board Member Orientation

Raj provided an overview of the Northern Health Region using the attached orientation PowerPoint. This session served as an introduction for new Board members, with orientation to continue at future meetings. A Q&A followed the presentation.

Note: Kathy inquired about the removal of Churchill from the NHR and whether there may be future opportunities to reintegrate the community.

2.2 NRHA Board Appointees process

Discussion ensued on the process for applying to the NRHA Board of Directors. Any recommendations are directed to the ABC board, and individuals interested can find the application on the Government of Manitoba website Audit Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

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7.1.1.2 The Board approved the financial statements for the 11-month period ending February 28, 2025, as presented.

Audit Committee Report

7.2.1 Committees have not yet been formed due to the onboarding of the new Board of Directors. As a result, committee-related work was brought to the full Board for discussion and decisions at the March meeting.

7.2.4 Presentation of Audit Plan

Presenters Tyler Semen and Wayne Lusk from MNP presented the NRHA 2025 Audit Service Plan to the full Board of Directors. The plan is included in the meeting package.

Governance Committee Report

7.3.1 Committees have not yet been formed due to the onboarding of the new Board of Directors. As a result, committee work was brought directly to the full Board for the March meeting in lieu of committee recommendations.

GP 1, 2, 3, and 4 were originally scheduled for Board approval in February; however, due to the cancelled February meeting, they were presented in March. EE 1, 2, and 3 remained on schedule for Board approval in March.

7.3.1 Governance Committee Report

The Board approved the following policies as presented:

GP-1 Board Linkage with Other Organizations, GP-2 Board Planning Cycle, GP-3 Board Cost of Governance, GP-4 Board & Committee Expenses

7.3.1.5 Primary Directives

The Board approved the following Primary Directives as presented:

EE-1 Primary Directives, EE-2 Finances & IT Asset Protection, EE-3 Managing Workplace Culture

Executive Committee Report

7.3.2 No update at this time as there have been no recent Executive Committee meetings.

Indigenous Health & Human Resources Committee

7.3.3 The IHHR Committee has not yet been formed.

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 October 2024 and November 2024 as presented.

Monitoring Reports

The Board accepted monitoring reports EE-1 Primary Directives monitoring tool, EE-2 Finances IT Asset Protection, EE-3 Managing Workplace Culture, and the Northern Health Region Indicator Dashboard Monitoring Report from October 2024, with no changes and recommends to the Governance Committee for review.

CEO Report

9.1 Raj Sewda delivered his leadership report during the morning board orientation session.

9.1.1 Operations Update

9.1.1.1 Nursing Advisory Council (NAC) Report

The February 2025 NAC Report was included in the agenda for review and approved.

9.1.1.2 Clinical Advisory Council

No report presented.

9.1.1.3 Medical Advisory Council

The February 2025 MAC Report was included in the agenda for review and approved.

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.

Date	Time	Location	Type of Meeting
April 30, 2025	10:00 AM	Flin Flon / Microsoft Teams	Regular Meeting