

Board Highlights

May 2014



**NORTHERN
HEALTH REGION**

Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on May 28, 2014 at the Flin Flon General Hospital. 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 Doug Lauvstad, NRHA Board Chair or Helga Bryant, Chief Executive Officer.

Community Connections

Concern was raised that the Boil Water Advisory continues to remain in effect in Lynn Lake for more than a year now.

A Saskatchewan resident has asked for more information related to the increased needs leading to the decision for the ER Redevelopment Project.

The new pharmacy in Snow Lake is being very well received in the community.

Concerns regarding a pharmacy in Norway House were raised.

Board Education

Ingrid Olson, Executive Director Clinical Services, The Pas and area provided an update on the transfer of Provincial Nursing Stations to the Northern Health Region, following which the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Ingrid.

Wanda Reader, VP Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer provided a presentation on the Region's new Performance Management System. Following her presentation, Wanda engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved a revision to Part Two, Section Two of the Governance Manual to include a process for excused absences from a Board meeting.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee provided an update on the annual external audit process which is currently underway. The Finance and Audit Committees will meet in a joint session with the Auditors at their June meeting.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

The inaugural meeting of the Committee is being scheduled for June. Recruitment efforts are continuing to fill the non-Director positions on the Committee.

Board Secretary

The Board appointed CEO Helga Bryant as Board Secretary pursuant to Bylaw 1, Sec 28 for a term of three years.

Accreditation

The Board reviewed the remainder of the accreditation flags in advance of their meeting with the Accreditation Canada reviewers next month. In addition, the Board was walked through what an accreditation interview by surveyors would be like; Dr. Hussam Azzam, VP Medical Services and CMO is an Accreditation Canada surveyor. The Board actively engaged in this process.

Joy Tetlock, VP of Planning and Innovation presented on the recent Client Experience Survey which was done in acute care settings throughout the Region, The Executive Summary report will be posted online on the Region's website.

CEO Report

At each meeting, the CEO presents a report based on the strategic directions as developed by the Board. These strategic directions set the course of action for programs & services delivered in the Region. In addition, these directions also incorporate the priorities developed by Manitoba Health & the provincial priorities as committed to by the Manitoba government. A verbal update was also provided which included:

- An update on Doctor for All was provided. Work continues with the Primary Care Network model and how it can better suit our needs in meeting the commitment of every citizen wanting a primary care provider shall be able to find one by 2015;
- Recently we received approval for 4 additional physician positions to work in primary care or family practice roles within the Region, based in Thompson; these positions will specifically support service to First Nations communities.
- The "Grow Our Own" NPs are completing their programs this fall; additional NPs are relocating to the Region.
- The Local Health Involvement Groups are expected to be announced soon. We will be utilizing technology like MB Telehealth to facilitate many of their meetings. In addition, a new Director of Community Engagement has been appointed to lead much of our citizen engagement activities.

Flin Flon Emergency Room Redevelopment Project Report

The Steering Committee continues to meet and move the project forward. The primary architect has been named and another Open House will be planned for July to coincide with when further drawings are available.

Northern Health Foundation

The Board approved the appointment of Doug Lauvstad and Gerard Jennissen to serve on the Foundation Board. The Articles of Incorporation for the Northern Health Foundation Inc. have been approved by the province in early May. Draft Bylaws will be presented to the Foundation's Board for approval in June. Following approval of the Bylaws, the process of registration as a charitable organization through the Canada Revenue Agency will begin.

Health Plan 2015-6

The Board received a briefing on the annual Health Plan from Joy Tetlock, VP Planning and Innovation. The Board approved the Health Plan for 2015-16 and directed it to be forwarded to the Minister of Health.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) & will rotate between the Region’s major centres. The Board will utilize Telehealth 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 are:

June 18,2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141 & 143	Regular Board Meeting
Aug 27, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Snow Lake Community Hall	Regular Board Meeting
Sept 24, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 th Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting
Oct 29, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141 & 143	Regular Board Meeting