

Board Highlights

April 2014



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on April 30, 2014 at the Beatrice Wilson Health Centre in Opaskwayak (OCN). Board Highlights are usually produced within a few days of Board meetings as a way to share timely information about the outcomes

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.

New Board Member

The Minister has appointed Walter Spence of Gillam as a member of the Northern Health Region Board of Directors. Mr. Spence is Chief of Fox Lake Cree Nation.

Board Education

EMS Regional Manager Ken Gurba, and EMS Manager Darren Baker provided an update on the Region's work in implementing the provincial EMS Review. Following their update, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Ken and Darren.

The upcoming Board Retreat will now be held May 27.

Management Performance

The dashboard for Employer of Choice and Accessible, Quality Services was presented to the Board for monitoring.

Board Performance

Part 1 of the Governance Manual was monitored using a tool filled out by all Board Members. The individual responses will be collated and provided to the Governance Committee next month for their review regarding potential updates or changes.

The Board policy on Board/CEO Relationship was monitored using a tool completed by the CEO and the Board. The responses will be collated and provided to the Governance Committee next month for their review regarding potential updates or changes. The Board accepted and concurred with the monitoring report for BC-1, Board and CEO Relationship.

Board members completed a Skills and Experiences Tool to better assess areas of strength and potential development to better inform the recruitment process for future Board members. The aggregated results will be shared with the Minister.

Medical Staff By-Law #3

Following a meaningful consultation with the Medical Staff, the revised Medical Staff Bylaw was approved by the Board.

Conflict of Interest Annual Disclosure Report

As per the By-laws, the report was discussed and accepted by the Board.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

The Board appointed Edie Turner as committee Chair, along with Cal Huntley, Doug Lauvstad, Donna Champagne and Nora Ross as board members to serve on the committee. Further recruitment will occur prior to the next Board meeting.

Quality Improvement/Accreditation

The Quality and Patient Safety Committee report was provided by Edie Turner. The committee reviewed the Region's Risk Report. VP of Planning and Innovation Joy Tetlock provided an update on Occurrence Reports and Critical Incidents. She also spoke about the accreditation process including our current status of this year's process. Following her update, Joy answered questions from the Board.

Suggested changes to the Patient Safety and Quality Committee terms of reference are being forwarded to the Governance Committee for their review next month.

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:

- There are currently some active TB cases in the Region we are monitoring and Public Health are dealing with;
- Snow Lake now has a pharmacy in operation. As a result, the transportation subsidy the Region was providing has ended;
- Clinical vacancies (clinical psychologists) are creating ongoing challenge for us;
- An Environmental Scan is attached to this month's CEO Report. The Board was asked to comment on its usefulness.

Flin Flon Emergency Room Redevelopment Project Report

The Steering Committee continues to meet and move the project forward. Another Open House will be planned for June.

Northern Health Summit Working Group

Work continues with preparations for the summit planned for October 28, 2014 in Thompson. The interactive day will inform, educate and seek cooperative solutions which support the Board's Strategic Priorities and ensure our Vision remains relevant and current in meeting the health needs of Northerners. The moderators from the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy have been confirmed.

Governance Committee Report

Suggested changes to the Governance Committee terms of reference will be dealt with next month for review.

Finance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board approved the financial statements for the 11 months ending February 28, 2014.

Suggested changes to the Finance Committee terms of reference are being forwarded to the Governance Committee for their review next month.

Audit Committee Report

The audit committee met with the auditor to discuss the audit plan.

Suggested changes to the Audit Committee terms of reference are being forwarded to the Governance Committee for their review next month.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The name has been reserved and Articles of Incorporation are being filed with the province in early May. Following acceptance, 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 new Health Plan from Joy Tetlock, VP Planning and Innovation. Following the briefing, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Joy.

Board Addition

The Board resolved to ask the Minister to add John Marnock to the board as its nominee per the legislation.

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:

May 28, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 th Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting
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