

Board Highlights

October 28, 2015



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on October 28, 2015 at the Flin Flon Hospital Boardroom. 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, CEO.

Community Connections

Doug Lauvstad called the meeting to order and invited Anne Thompson to lead the opening prayer. Prior to the Board meeting, a joint meeting with the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region (MCRHR) was held where a number of common issues were discussed.

Board Education

Dr. Shelley Rhyno engaged in a conversation with the Board on the New Directions on mental health, building on the work done at the Northern Health Summit held the previous day. Throughout the dialogue, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Dr. Rhyno.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The Thompson LHIG group met recently. The next question for LHIGs will be around strategic planning for volunteer services. The next meeting of the Flin Flon/The Pas LHIG will be November 24th and the Thompson LHIG will meet on December 8th.

Finance Committee Report

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending Aug 31, 2015.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 18 Sample Agenda as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 2 as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 3 as presented.

Monitoring Reports

The Board approved the monitoring report, Population Health Dashboard, as presented.

The Board approved the monitoring report, Governance Manual Part 4, as presented.

The Board approved the monitoring report, Appendix 17: CEO Position Description, as presented.

Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report

Joy Tetlock, VP of Planning and Innovation presented on behalf of the Patient Safety Collaborative. Following her presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Joy.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

The committee discussed the need to increase cultural knowledge throughout the organization. In addition, the CEO of Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region shared a report on their Region's experience with the Nuka System of Care in Alaska.

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 provided to the Board. Highlights include:

- Surgeon recruitment in The Pas has been successful with two surgeons starting soon;
- Midwifery vacancy in Norway House has been filled;
- The Pain Clinic in Thompson has seen increased access, driven by increased patient volumes;
- A new complaints brochure has been prepared and was distributed to the Board;
- We continue to have conversations with Manitoba Health regarding potential devolution of EMS services.

Cancer Patient Journey

Marion Ellis, Executive Director, Thompson and area, presented to the Board on the Cancer Patient Journey initiative of Manitoba Health. Marion shared the Region's involvement and progress to date. Following her presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Marion.

Long Term Care

Lois Moberly, Executive Director, Flin Flon and area, and Shawna Cupples, Director of Long Term Care, presented to the Board on the Region's long term care programming. Following their presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Lois and Shawna.

Northern Health Region Foundation

Cheques continue to come in to the office with several gifts of \$1,000 coming in. The direct mail campaign will get underway in November. The Foundation is also looking at donor recognition video walls for the hospitals in Flin Flon, The Pas and Thompson.

Northern Health Summit Update

The focus for the day was the recovery oriented model of Mental Health that is being implemented Region-wide. More than 140 people attended and the reaction has been very positive.

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:

Nov 25/15	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Boardroom, The Pas Health Complex	Regular Meeting
Jan 27/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital Boardroom	Regular Meeting
Feb 24/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Thompson- Room 141/143	Regular Meeting