

# Board Highlights

March 2014



## Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on March 26, 2014 in Thompson. 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.

## Board Education

A Board Education session on board evaluation was held on March 25, 2014 as the final module of the Board's planned initial education session facilitated by the Board's Coach, Steve Vieweg.

Marion Ellis, Executive Director of Clinical Services for Thompson and area provided an update on the Cancer Patient Journey initiative. The Region will have designated cancer service centres to provide services throughout the Region. The goal is to move from initial suspicion of cancer to diagnosis and treatment initiation within a 60 day period. Following her update, the Board engaged in a lively question and answer session with Marion.

The outline for the upcoming Board Retreat to be held May 29 was provided to the Board for information.

## Quality Improvement/Accreditation

The Quality and Patient Safety Committee report was provided by Joy Tetlock, VP of Planning and Innovation. Joy also spoke about the accreditation process including our current status of this year's accreditation process. Following her update, Joy answered questions from the Board.

## 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:

- Work is underway developing the 2015-16 Health Plan which will be submitted to Minister of Health following Board approval.
- A working group has been active on the transition of provincial nursing stations to the Region. This transition is complex and involves multiple partners and will take an extensive period of time.
- We have had an issue regarding medical reprocessing equipment in The Pas which has resulted in some service disruptions. Efforts are underway to remedy this situation and we have applied to Manitoba Health for funding to replace the equipment in question.

## 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 May.

### **Northern Health Summit Working Group**

A draft agenda was shared with the Board for feedback. Members of the Local Health Involvement Groups, which should be operational by that date, will be invited to attend the Summit. Objectives for the summit have been established which will inform the program 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**

On recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Executive Expectation policies 1 and 3 with no changes. On recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Executive Expectation policy 2 with the suggested revision permitting the CEO to make in kind donations where appropriate. In addition, on recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board approved the Board Planning Cycle schedule. The Board appointed Gerard Jennissen as a member of the Governance Committee.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Following a recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2013. The Board accepted the Briefing Note on the Region's current financial condition. The Board approved staff to pursue the purchase of the current Primary Health Care Building in The Pas, using the existing dollars we were paying for rent to fund the mortgage payments of the purchase. In addition, the Board approved a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$511,555.88 for specialized equipment for 2013-14.

### **Northern Health Region Foundation**

The Board reviewed options for establishment of a foundation and decided to support the formation of a stand-alone regional-based foundation to serve the funding needs of the Northern Health Region.

### **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:

April 30, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Boardroom The Pas Health Complex The Pas	Regular Board Meeting
May 28, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> 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