

# Board Highlights

November 2015



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on November 25, 2015 in The Pas. 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 Lloyd Flett, NRHA Board Vice-Chair or Helga Bryant, Chief Executive Officer.

## **Community Connections**

Lloyd Flett welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Donna Champagne to lead the Board in an opening prayer. Lloyd congratulated Shawn Hnidy on being the successful applicant to the position of VP of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer.

Anne Thompson recently attended Board Performance training sessions in Winnipeg, conducted by the Crown Corporations Council. She will report in more detail in January.

Glen Ross talked about the great relationship the OHA is enjoying with the Region for the benefit of the communities they serve. He commended Helga Bryant and her senior staff for all of their work as partners.

## **Board Education**

Glenn Hildebrand led the Board through a facilitated discussion on access to health care services within the Region. The Board participated in robust discussions throughout the session.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Following a recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board approved the financial statements for the six months ending September 30, 2015.

On a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the following borrowing resolution:

- \$434,940 for the Island Lake Laundry Facilities Project.

## **Audit Committee**

On a recommendation from the Audit Committee, the Board approved a financial systems assessment plan.

## **Governance Committee**

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Board Policy EE4, Patient First Approach, with minor revisions.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Board Policy EE5, Board Support External Relations with minor changes.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 15, Director's Knowledge, Skills, and Experience Matrix with no recommendations to the Minister.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved the recommendation to proceed with the Patient Experience Approach and asks the Administration to report back at the appropriate point.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board approved the Northern Health Region Dashboard monitoring report.

The Board approved GP1, Board Linkages with other Organizations monitoring report.

The Board approved GP2, Board Planning Cycle monitoring report.

The Board approved GP3, Cost of Governance monitoring report.

The Board approved GP4, Board and Committee Expenses monitoring report.

### **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:

- Declaration of Patient Values Guide is now available from Manitoba Health which we will use as we work towards Manitoba Health's deadline.
- Syphilis Outbreak: The Region continues to see an increase in the number of syphilis cases and contacts. The Manitoba rate for Syphilis Infections is 7.8/100,000 compared to the NRHA rate of 13.4/100,000. We are working closely with Manitoba Health, Medical Officers of Health, and Regional Health Authorities including the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to ensure timely case management, contact tracing, treatment and follow-up.
- Legion Housing Flin Flon: Members of the Legion Seniors Housing board have voted to return to a 55+ independent living approach. This decision will result in the end of the 24/7 health care aide presence and congregate meals at Legion Housing. Support to those living in the building will continue with homecare for residents and meal prep in their apartments. The change will be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### **Northern Health Foundation**

The Foundation continues to receive donations. On Nov 27, the Snow Lake Health Auxiliary will present the Foundation with a cheque for \$10,000 at the Region's annual Christmas luncheon. The bank balance at the end of November will exceed \$200,000.

### **LHIGs Update**

A response letter is being prepared to thank the LHIGs for their recent letters and provide feedback from the Board. John Marnock and Cal Huntley volunteered to work with Scott Hamel on the draft for the LHIG from Flin Flon and The Pas.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) & will rotate between the Region's major centres. The Board utilizes video technology to reduce travel & support Board members by making it easier to attend Board meetings closer to their home community. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Jan 27, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting
Feb 24, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141/143	Regular Board Meeting
Mar 30, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Boardroom, St Anthony's Hospital, The Pas	Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting