

Board Highlights

October 2013



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on October 23, 2013 in the Beatrice Wilson Health Centre at Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN). 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

A discussion regarding a request for support for a Snow Lake Supportive Housing project was discussed. The Board directed the CEO write a letter supporting the community in its efforts.

The Board thanked OCN for hosting the October Board meeting.

A solution to the longstanding lack of parking at St. Anthony's Hospital is being finalized. A public announcement will occur once details have been finalized.

A suggestion to address unsightly cigarette butts at the entrance of the Flin Flon General Hospital was made. The VP Corporate Services will follow-up with appropriate staff.

South Indian Lake has raw sewage running to the lake in front of the new Health Complex. The Board directed the CEO to write a letter expressing concern that this issue be addressed as a priority.

A plaque is being installed at St. Anthony's Hospital at the end of the month as part of the Historical Plaque Project being conducted by the Sam Waller Museum.

The Region is supporting the efforts of the Project Northern Doorway to rezone property in Thompson for transitional supportive housing to help address homelessness in Thompson.

Regional Public Health staff attended the beginning of the Board meeting to offer flu shots to the Board and senior administration.

Accreditation

Board members were reminded to complete their accreditation surveys as the deadline has been extended to November 1, 2013.

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 and services delivered in the Region. In addition, these directions also incorporate the priorities developed by Manitoba Health and the provincial priorities as committed to by the Manitoba government. In addition to her written report, a verbal update was provided which included:

- EMC Operational Plan - The board accepted EMC's operational plan for 2013-14.
- Long Term Care – An Ageing in Place strategy is currently in development. Once completed, it will come to the Board for presentation.
- Cancer Patient Journey – We continue to await the funding letters to proceed with this initiative. Included in that funding are Nurse Navigators (X2), Oncology Social Workers (X2), Community Engagement Liaison Officer (0.6 EFT) and Administrative Support.
- Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medals – This award recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner for at least 20 years, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk. Northern Health Region's Darren Baker and Lori- Lynn Bilitski will receive the medal at an awards gala later this month in Winnipeg.

Board Monitoring Reports

Following review of the reports, the Board accepted monitoring reports of Board Policy EL-2 Management of Staff and Volunteers along with EL-16 Representative Workforce.

Finance Committee Report

Following a recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted EL-4 Financial Condition Monitoring Report as well as the financial statements provided as information. In addition, following a recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approved a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$649,958.69 for Capital Expenditures, TPHC Laboratory Upgrade Safety and Security Project #2719.

Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee provided a verbal update on its work on a governance manual. As part of that work, the Committee discussed the Terms of Reference for an Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee which will be brought to the Board at its November meeting.

Patient Safety and Quality Committee

Following a recommendation by the Committee, the Board approved the Terms of Reference of the Patient Safety and Quality Committee of the Board.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Evaluation

The Executive Committee conducted the CEO evaluation for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Following review of the evaluation material and an in-camera discussion, the Board approved the CEO Evaluation for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) and will rotate between the major centres of the Region. The Board has agreed to utilize the Telehealth system as a way to reduce travel during the winter months and support Board members by making it easier to attend Board meetings in a venue closer to their home community. Here are the upcoming meeting dates:

Nov. 27, 2013	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson – Room 141/143 Thompson Regional Office	Regular Board Meeting
Jan. 29, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Beatrice Wilson Health Centre at OCN	Regular Board Meeting
Feb. 26, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 th Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital,	Regular Board Meeting