

Board Highlights

September 2013



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on Sept 25, 2013 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.

Community Connections

Two cheque presentations took place prior to the Board meeting. The first was from the Thompson Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 towards the purchase of new chairs for the Emergency Room waiting area at the Thompson General Hospital. Presenting the cheque was Colin Bonnycastle, the Grants Committee chair. The second was by an RHA nurse, Rachele MacDonald who was recently named one of three Reader's Digests 2013 Best Health Nurse Excellence Award winners in all of Canada. As part of her award, she chose to designate the \$1,500 gift from Reader's to the Region.

Community Engagement Task Group Update

A database has been created as part of the implementation of the Board's community engagement strategy. The database will now be populated with the appropriate stakeholders and allow for the tracking of community engagements, issues and plans.

Annual Report

The 2012-13 Annual Report of the Northern Health Region was presented and approved by the Board prior to its release to the Minister and publication on the website.

Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs)

The Board received an update on implementation plans for LHIGs. More information regarding guidelines for the LHIGS was provided, including the process for nominations and appointments which is expected to be announced in the coming months from government.

Foundations, Auxiliaries and Donation Funds

The Board received information on the Foundations, Auxiliaries and Donation Funds that are associated with the Region. A total of five exist within the Region. The Board discussed processes related to its Bylaw relative to the organizations. Further information will follow at a subsequent meeting.

Joint Multi-organizational Meeting with City of Thompson

The Board will join Thompson City Council for an informal get together at City Hall following its meeting.

Northern Patient Transportation Program (NPTP)

Raj Thethy presented to the Board on the Northern Patient Transportation Program and answered their questions about this important provincial program which the Region administers on behalf of Manitoba Health.

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:

- A stroke care proposal in Thompson which was accepted and becomes a one year pilot project;
- The upcoming eHealth conference which will include a presentation by two of our Vice-presidents as well as the Executive Director of Opaskwayak Health Authority on electronic medical records;
- HIV point of care testing research project featuring Dr. Azzam as the principle investigator;
- An update on job recruiting fairs that the Region is participating in with Manitoba Health and the Nurses Recruitment and Retention Fund; and
- Work underway designed to further improve access in Thompson.

Finance Committee Report

Following a recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted policy EL-2, Management of Staff and Volunteers. Following a recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted the Financial Condition Monitoring Report (EL-4). In addition, the Board accepted the financial statements provided as information.

Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee provided a verbal update on its work on a governance manual. As part of that work, the Board directed that Terms of Reference be developed for an Aboriginal Health Committee to be incorporated into the Manual.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Evaluation

The Board directed that the Executive Committee be tasked with conducting 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:

Oct. 23, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Beatrice Wilson Health Centre, OCN	Regular Board Meeting
Oct. 23, 2013	7:00 pm	The Pas – Wescana Inn	Annual General Meeting
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	The Pas Health Complex 1st Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting