

Board Highlights

August 2013



**NORTHERN
HEALTH REGION**

Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on Aug 28, 2013 in Flin Flon. 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 draft plan for the implementation for the Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs) was presented to the Board for discussion and feedback. A linkage to the Board's Community Engagement Strategy was highlighted.

Community Engagement Task Group Update

Following a discussion, the Board approved the Community Engagement Strategy and directed that implementation work commence.

Draft Annual Report

A draft of the proposed content of the Region's first Annual Report was provided for feedback and discussion. The final version will be brought back to the Board for final approval in September prior to its release to the Minister and publication on the website.

Joint Multi-organizational Meeting with City of Thompson

The Board will join Thompson City Council for an informal get together at City Hall on Wed. September 25, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

Board Education

The Board's Coach, Steve Viewig from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba provided an information session on effective meetings. The session included information regarding communication styles, teamwork and conducting effective meetings. In addition, a full day session was held with the Board to assist them in understanding financial statements and their fiduciary roles as Board members.

Quality Improvement and Accreditation

The Board received a briefing on the Region's 14 current Quality Improvement Teams, responsible for reviewing and reporting on 20 sets of standards. Reports from these teams will come to the Board on a regular basis going forward.

An overview of the accreditation process was also provided to the Board. The Board received information about the governance portion of the Accreditation process with a focus on the self-

assessment questionnaires. Board members will individually complete the self-assessment questionnaires and then the entire Board will review the results once they are compiled.

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:

- Ongoing discussions between Chemawawin Cree Nation, the Region and Manitoba Health – exploring an integrated health services delivery model.
- An update on the status and progress regarding the transfer of provincial nursing stations to the Region.
- Marcel Colomb Cree Nation is in dialogue with the Region and First Nations Inuit Health Branch about potential health services collaboration.
- Primary Care Network – funding has been approved for Wave 1 (Primary Care Pathway) and plans for Wave 2 (Primary Care Network) are underway,
- Tataskweyak Cree Nation – Split Lake. Several senior staff members met with representatives to talk about some of their priority issues and ways the Region might be of assistance to them..
- An update on the Family Doctor for all by 2015 with a focus on the number of unattached individuals in the Region.
- An update on our ‘grow-your-own’ Nurse Practitioner Strategy
- An Acute Care In-Patient Review is underway with a report due in the fall.
- An announcement was made regarding the new Director of Mental Health, Dr. Shelley Rhyno. . We are so pleased she has come home and chosen to lead mental health programming in the Region.
- An upcoming open house in Thompson on the new Primary Care Paramedic Program
- A MB Hydro/Gillam/Fox Lake planning meeting was held recently with strong Regional representation at the table.

Finance Committee Report

Following a Recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board approved the following Borrowing Resolutions:

- \$191,846.62 for Capital Expenditures Eastern Campus – 2012-13 Specialized Equipment
- \$157,449.84 for Capital Expenditures – Grand Rapids Nursing Station Addition and Renovation Project (safety & security project 2381);
- \$350,000.00 Capital Expenditures – Moose Lake Nursing Station Replacement and Maintenance Accommodation (project 2264);

The Board appointed Glen Ross to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

In addition, following a recommendation for approval by Finance Committee, the Board approved the monthly financial statements for the three months ending June 30, 2013.

Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee provided a verbal update on its work on a governance model. In addition, the committee’s work on the project to develop an enhanced Governance Framework for the Board which will tie together the Board’s policies, key planning documents, a complete monitoring matrix tool and other key informational items continues.

Following a recommendation for approval from the Governance Committee, the board approved;

- BC-1 Global Board/CEO Relationship
- BC-3 Accountability of the Chief Executive Officer.

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:

Sept. 25, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson – Room 141/143 Thompson Regional Office	Regular Board Meeting
Oct. 23, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	The Pas Health Complex 1 st Floor Boardroom	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