

# Board Highlights

June 2013



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on June 19, 2013 in Snow Lake. 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**

Nora Ross, Jasper Robinson, Frances Hall and Lloyd Flett attended a recent national Health Care Conference in Niagara Falls. Nora reported that there was a significant focus on Patient's First. She was impressed to see the amount of research that was presented at the conference and commented that she would like to learn more on how research is disseminated and integrated at the local level. She also talked about some of the information which was shared regarding advances with Alzheimer's disease. Jasper added that he found the information on a mental health engagement network particularly worthwhile. He noted that the two keynote speakers (Margaret Trudeau & Dr. Alex Jahad) were quite impactful.

Lynn Lake Airport will remain open after a private company assumes operations as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. This is good news as it means the area can continue to be served by air ambulance when needed.

The Board set the Annual General Meeting for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at the Wescana Inn in The Pas at 7 pm. The meeting's theme will be the Journey Forward. The Minister of Health has been invited to speak.

## **City of Thompson Joint Multi-organizational Meeting**

The Board has received an invitation to attend and participate in a joint, multi-organizational meeting in Thompson with city council in September. The Board looks forward to participating in that meeting

## **Community Engagement Task Group Update**

This strategy is being developed to better support the Board of Directors in achieving a sustained, successful engagement program that ensures the Board has ongoing communication with its stakeholders about issues, concerns and feedback about the delivery of health services in the Northern Health Region. The strategy will also be supported by the work of the Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs), once guidelines and processes have been finalized and approved by the Minister. The Board approved the goal and objectives of the strategy and will revisit it in August once the tactics have been added.

## **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:

- The recent HOPE forum in Thompson was well attended and received a lot of positive feedback throughout the community. The Region is a major partner in planning and delivering this annual event.
- 2012-13 Annual Report theme will be *Building the Foundation* reporting on the Board's work of establishing the Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities for the Region.
- Accreditation: we are beginning the process toward ramping up preparations for the next accreditation cycle with site visits scheduled for June 2014.
- An update on the current forest fires and evacuations was provided. The Region has been an active participant in the provincial response to the forest fires within our boundaries

### **Board Education**

Dr Hussam Azzam presented to the Board of Directors on his Medical Services and Chief Medical Officer portfolio. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer period with Dr. Azzam.

### **Finance Committee Report**

The Board approved the appointment of Lloyd Flett as Chair of the Finance Committee.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted two monitoring report as presented. They were: EL-8 Communication & Support to the Board and EL-9 Treatment of Clients

### **Governance Committee Report**

Following a Recommendation for approval by the Governance Committee, the Board approved: GP-4: Board Job Description; and EL-1 General Executive Constraint.

In addition, the Governance Committee reported that it will spearhead a 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 to assist the Board in the performance of its work.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) and will rotate between the major centres of the Region. Here are the upcoming meeting dates:

August 28, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting
September 25, 2013	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson – Rm. 141/143 Thompson Regional Office	Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2013	1:00 – 5:00 pm	The Pas Health Complex 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2013	7:00 pm	The Pas – Wescana Inn	Annual General Meeting