

# Board Highlights

April 2013



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meetings held on April 24, 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**

Helga Bryant provided an update of the Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs). Further to the consultations which occurred within our region this past winter regarding the new LHIGs provided for in the recent changes to our legislation, the process is progressing. A report with recommendations will be going forward to the Minister in the near future. Our next task will be to prepare a plan for the development and implementation of the Northern Health Region's LHIGs.

## **Board Education**

The Board discussed upcoming education topics it wishes to receive Board education sessions on and an approach for scheduling those topics. In addition, the Board was briefed on upcoming coaching session with its Coach, Steve Viewig from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba.

In keeping with the Board's desire to move to a more paperless approach to Board meetings, iPads were acquired and provided to each member. To support the shift to paperless, Director of Information Technology, Shane McAree conducted a hands-on demonstration with the Board on the proper usage of the iPad.

## **Strategic Directions/Priorities & Performance Measures**

The Board was presented with a draft of the performance measures and indicators which are aligned with the strategic directions/priorities the Board has chosen. These performance measures and indicators will be used to demonstrate evidence of progress in achieving or making substantive inroads towards the Board's strategic directions/priorities.

## **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. The report highlighted Access to Services and information regarding the Family Doctor for All initiative. While wait times for procedures offered in the Region are generally unremarkable, the Region is embarking on a number of strategies designed to reduce waits for a number of services and programs. Information was provided on an approach to Carotid Ultrasounds which is meeting with success. Information was also provided to the Board on a number of Regional strategies to help us support the Minister's commitment of a Family Doctor for all by 2015.

**Monitoring Reports**

The CEO presented a number of Monitoring Reports for Board approval. These reports demonstrate how the organization has complied with Board policies known as Executive Limitations (ELs) through their daily operation. The reports included: EL-3 Financial Planning; EL-6 Asset Protection; EL-10 Access to Services; EL-11 Public Image; and EL-14 Authority for Final Approval.

**Finance Committee Report**

Following a Recommendation for approval by the Finance Committee, the Board approved: EL-3 Financial Planning; EL-4 Financial Condition; EL-6 Asset Protection; and GP-8 Board and Committee Expenses.

**Governance Committee Report**

Following a Recommendation for approval by the Governance Committee, the Board approved: GP-10 Cost of Governance. The Board also made its annual appointment of the Governance Committee as per the Governance Committee’s Terms of Reference. In doing so, the Board reappointed all existing members of the Committee.

**Audit Committee Report**

Audit plan for the Region’s 2012-13 fiscal year is in place. The audited financial statements will be presented to the Board at the June 19th in Snow Lake.

**2012-13 Annual General Meeting**

The inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Northern Health Region will be held in The Pas on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 pm at a location to be determined.

**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 test 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:

May 29, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	The Pas – Health Complex 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting
June 19, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Snow Lake	Regular Board Meeting
August 21, 2013 (Wed.)	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson – Room 141/143 Thompson Regional Office	Regular Board Meeting