

# Board Highlights

January 2016



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on January 27, 2016 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 Lloyd Flett, NRHA Board Vice-Chair or Helga Bryant, Chief Executive Officer.

## **Community Connections**

Lloyd Flett welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Martha Jonasson to lead the Board in an opening prayer. Lloyd Flett, and a number of Board members and senior staff attended the recent chemotherapy expansion announcement in Thompson. Hollee Babcock, a new Administrative Assistant in the Flin Flon Regional office, was introduced to the Board.

## **Board Education**

Joy Tetlock, Vice President of Planning and Innovation and Lois Moberly, Executive Director of Clinical Services, Flin Flon and area, updated the Board on the Flin Flon Emergency Department Redevelopment project. The Board participated in robust discussions throughout the presentation.

Rusty Beardy, Vice President of Aboriginal Health Services, updated the Board on the development of the Region's Aboriginal Health Strategy. Following the presentation, Rusty entered into a question and answer session.

## **Finance Committee Report**

On a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board approved the financial statements for the seven months ending October 31, 2015 and the financial statements for the eight months ending November 30, 2015.

On a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the following borrowing resolution:

- \$1,000,000 increase in the approved line of credit to support the planning processes for the Flin Flon General Hospital Emergency Department redevelopment project.

On a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the transfer of debt from the Region to Manitoba Finance in the amount of \$9,298,961.63.

## **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee provided an update on the financial systems assessment initiative.

## **Governance Committee**

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 4, with the new dashboard included.

On a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 17, CEO Position Description with no changes.

## **Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report**

Helga Bryant, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided an update on the implementation of the Drianna Ross Inquest Recommendations.

## **Monitoring Reports**

The Board accepted the Northern Health Region Dashboard monitoring report.

The Board accepted Executive Expectations Policy EE-1, *Primary Directives* monitoring report.

The Board accepted Executive Expectations Policy EE-2, *Finances IT Asset Protection* monitoring report.

The Board accepted Executive Expectations Policy EE-3, *Managing Workplace and Culture* monitoring report.

## **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 & services delivered in the Region. In addition, these directions also incorporate the priorities developed by Manitoba Health & the provincial priorities as committed to by the Manitoba government. A verbal update was also provided which included:

- Physician services issues in The Pas driving some of our trending around appointment availability;
- MANQAP accreditation has been granted to DSM on a conditional basis. We continue to experience recruitment and retention issues with DSM positions.
- Dialysis expansion is occurring as a result of an urgent request by Manitoba Health to deal with current capacity issues in Winnipeg.
- Cam Ritzer, EMS Manager of Clinical Services, has drafted new training to help manage agitated EMS patients which has subsequently be adopted by the province. Congratulations to Cam.

Marion Ellis, Executive Director of Clinical Services, Thompson and area, updated the Board on the background and current status of HIV within the Region. Following her presentation, the Board engaged Marion in a question and answer session.

Rusty Beardy, VP Aboriginal Health Services and Scott Hamel, Vice President of Communications and Stakeholder Relations, provided an update on the work of the Patient Safety Collaborative. Following his presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Rusty & Scott.

## **Northern Health Foundation**

The Foundation continues to receive donations, fundraising more than \$213,240 to date. The recent approval of The Pas Clinic will create another opportunity for the Foundation to partner with the community in fundraising for another community contribution.

## **LHIGs Update**

A response letter has been prepared to thank the LHIGs for their recent letters and provide feedback from the Board. Board members John Marnock, Cal Huntley and Lloyd Flett had volunteered to work with Scott Hamel on the draft for the LHIG from Flin Flon and The Pas. Next meetings are in the process of being set up.

### **Upcoming Community Engagement Event**

Scott Hamel reported that the following events are scheduled:

- Nelson House – before the end of January
- Wabowden – Feb 23
- Brochet – Rebooked for May 3 after the previous flight was cancelled
- Thicket Portage – March 16
- Cormorant – April 7
- Norway House - May 19

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board meetings are open to the public (except in camera portions) & will rotate between the Region's major centres. The Board utilizes video technology to reduce travel & support Board members by making it easier to attend Board meetings closer to their home community. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Feb 24, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141/143	Regular Board Meeting
Mar 30, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Boardroom, St Anthony's Hospital, The Pas	Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting
May 25, 2016	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141/143	Regular Board Meeting