

Board Highlights

March 30, 2016



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on March 30, 2016 at The Pas Health Complex. 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 Interim Board Chair or Helga Bryant, CEO.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Lloyd Flett called the meeting to order and invited Martha Jonasson to lead the opening prayer. Lloyd provided the Board with information about the most recent Council of Chairs meeting that he attended in Winnipeg. He also thanked the members of the Opaskwayak Health Authority (OHA) Board for attending our meeting to discuss issues of common concern.

Board Education

Ken Gurba, Regional Manager of EMS and Cam Ritzer, Regional Manager of EMS Clinical Services presented on the Region's Emergency Medical Services, past, present and future. Following their presentation, the Board engaged Ken and Cam in a question and answer session.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The Thompson meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The LHIG in Flin Flon/The Pas met in March and will again meet in April.

Finance Committee Report

The Board approved the financial statements for the ten-month period ending January 31, 2016.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved Executive Expectations policies EE-1 (Primary Directives) and EE-2 (Finances, Information Technology and Asset Protection) as presented, with no changes.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution for \$1,375,573 for the TGH CancerCare Chemo project.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution for \$498,023.84 for specialized equipment purchases.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board directed that a letter be written to the Minister of Health requesting the appointment of an interim Board Vice Chair as per Board Bylaws.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee the Board approved EE-3 Managing Workplace Culture as presented, with no changes.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee the Board approved Appendix 18 Sample Agenda, as presented with suggested changes.

Information Sharing Issue

Following the presentation of information by one Board member, the Board directed that a letter be written to the Minister of Health raising concerns about difficulties in sharing data between the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Health systems related to apparent software issues.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee indicated that it met to complete the six-month CEO Check-in as per Board Policy. A copy of its letter to the CEO was included in the Board's correspondence.

Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report

Donna Champagne led the Quality and Patient Safety Committee meeting which included a number of bouquets from patients, updates on the Patient Safety Collaborative and the Patient Experience Collaborative. The Committee accepted the monitoring report, Northern Health Region Dashboard, January 2016.

Aboriginal Health and Human Relations Committee

The Committee met in March to review work to date on the Aboriginal Health Strategy for the Region. Their work continues to progress and the Committee will meet again to continue its work.

Committee Appointments

The Board appointed John Marnock to Chair the Finance Committee for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. The Board appointed Anne Thompson to Chair the Governance Committee for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. The Board appointed Donna Champagne to Chair the Quality and Patient Safety Committee for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.

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 provided to the Board. Highlights include:

- An update on Flin Flon Emergency Department Redevelopment project;
- The awarding of the tender for the Thompson Chemo project; and
- The Pas Clinic Request for Proposals for design and build is closing soon.

EMS Follow-up

The Board directed that a letter be written to the Minister of Health and Minister of Higher Education advocating for an EMT training program at University College of the North.

Thompson Chemo Unit Naming

The Board supports the request of the MLA for Thompson regarding potential naming of the Thompson Chemo Unit and will write Manitoba Health and the Minister conveying its support.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The Foundation Board Chair and former Flin Flon MLA recently met with HudBay to seek a donation commitment. Both are hopeful that a favourable decision will be forthcoming. The Foundation's bank balance is \$215,031.16.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Apr 27/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital Boardroom	Regular Meeting
May 25/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon Hospital Boardroom	Regular Meeting
Jun 22/16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Boardroom, The Pas Health Complex	Regular Meeting