

Board Highlights

February 2013



**NORTHERN
HEALTH REGION**

Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meetings held on February 27, 2013 in The Pas. 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.

Accomplishments to Date

The Chair reviewed a number of key accomplishments that the Board has achieved since it was formed at the end of May of last year. Since that time, the Board has: Approved the Bylaws of the Northern Health Region and the Bylaws of the Medical Staff of the Region; Affirmed the Oath of Confidentiality provision for all Board members as provided for in the legislation; Adopted Roberts Rules of Order (current edition) for the conduct of meetings for the Board; Formed a Finance and a Governance Committee as per the legislation; Adopted Board policies to govern the Board in its operations – in addition, the Governance Committee is reviewing policies as appropriate; Implemented a process to align Accreditation Canada's governance standards with the Board's policies and governance structure; Approved a banking resolution for the Health Region naming RBC as the Region's banker; and hired Helga Bryant as a Chief Executive Officer.

Community Connections

This is now a standing agenda item where individual Board members are invited to discuss local issues and dialogue with community members to ensure the Board is made aware of local health issues. Blaine Winters shared that he has been invited to meet with the LUD of Cranberry Portage at their next meeting in early March.

Core Values Definitions

The Board approved definition statements for each the Region's five core values. They are:

- Trust: We are honest and reliable in fulfilling our commitments;
- Integrity: Our beliefs, behaviours, words and actions are honestly ethically and morally aligned;
- Respect: We treat all people and orgs with dignity and consideration;
- Compassion: Our interactions are rooted in empathy and sensitivity;
- Collaboration: We work with others to enhance service delivery and maximize resources.

Board Committees

The Board established two new committees which are consistent with the legislation. They are the Patient Safety and Quality Committee, and the Audit Committee. In addition, the Governance Committee's Terms of Reference were approved by the Board.

Journey Forward Monitoring Report

As part of her report, the CEO updated the Board on progress in addressing the recommendation in Manitoba Health’s review of the former NOR-MAN RHA. She advised the Board that 82% of the recommendations have been addressed and the remaining 18% are all well underway. This information was well received by the Board.

Borrowing Resolution

The Board approved a Borrowing Resolution for Specialized Equipment for the west side of the Region in the amount of \$457,163.99 to purchase items including defibrillators, a fetal monitor, gastroscope and a surgical smoke evacuator.

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. Specific dates will be confirmed once arrangements are finalized. Here are the upcoming meeting dates:

Mar. 27/13 (Wed.)	Thompson – Room # 141/143 Health Services Bldg.	Regular Board Meeting
Apr. 24/13 (Wed.)	Flin Flon – Hospital 4 th Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting