

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 1, 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.

Health Minister Meeting

The Chair and CEO recently met with the Minister of Health and Deputy Minister to exchange information and raise a number of issues of concern to the Region. The meeting was part of the ongoing communication and dialogue the Region's leadership has with the Minister and Manitoba Health. The Minister commented on the progress we are making with amalgamation as she reaffirmed her commitment to work with the Board and the Health Region to address issues.

LHIG Consultation

Consultation meetings took place in November and December in several communities throughout the Region. Manitoba Health and representatives of the Region attended all meetings, which were advertised in the local newspapers and radio stations. The results of those consultations will inform the MB Health's process of developing guidelines on how the Local Health Involvement Groups will be formed and how they will function.

Vision, Mission and Values

The Board approved a Vision statement for the Region which is, Healthy People, Healthy North. The Mission for the Region is *The Northern Health Region is dedicated to providing quality, accessible, compassionate health services. Our Values are Trust, Compassion, Integrity, Respect and Collaboration.*

Telehealth Etiquette

A tool for assisting with conduct of meetings by MB Telehealth or teleconference was developed and shared with the Board to assist in conducting meetings using technology. The Board accepted the tool for use in the conduct of its meetings.

Banking and Borrowing Resolution

The Board approved a banking resolution to support the ongoing operations of the Region. The Board also approved a borrowing resolution for \$190,361.08 to be used for specialized equipment listed within the resolution. In addition, the Board approved a consolidation of debt transfer agreement with Manitoba Finance.

Governance Committee

The Board approved the Governance Policy GP-1 as presented.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented a finance report to the Board to December 2012, which was approved.

CEO Report

The CEO provided a briefing to the Board on her report and highlighted a number of items including:

- Progress and challenges related to government's commitment to a family doctor for all by 2015 including the Enhanced Family Doctor Connection Program, Primary Care Networks and Information Technology Supports for Primary Care Networks;
- Two visits by renowned health policy expert Dr. Michael Rachlis in support of his work with Manitoba Health and the Deputy Minister;
- Ageing in Place and Long term care initiatives;
- Health system innovations including progress with electronic medical records, E-chart, and an emergency department information system.

As part of her report, presentations were made on Long Term Care and the recent Workplace Audit.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The CEO reported on the meetings underway designed to engage communities and stakeholder involvement in developing a strong and effective dialogue on local health issues and service delivery throughout the region. Meetings took place in November and December. The outcome will be guidelines which the Minister will approve that will assist the Region in establishing the Local Health Involvement Groups in 2013 in keeping with recent legislative changes approved by the legislature.

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:

Feb. 27/13 (Wed.)	The Pas – Health Complex 1 st Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting
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