

Board Highlights

September & November 2012



NORTHERN
HEALTH REGION

Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meetings held on September 26, 2012 in The Pas and November 2, 2012 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.

Board of Directors

The NRHA Board of Directors was appointed by Health Minister Theresa Oswald to ensure an appropriate balance of skills, experience, diversity and geographic representation. The board will focus on ensuring a smooth transition by streamlining the merged corporate operations while avoiding disruptions to front-line care. Each of the current Board members had previous experience as a member of the former Burntwood or NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority Board. The following individuals sit on the Northern Regional Health Board:

Doug Lauvstad, Chair, The Pas

Donna Champagne, Denare Beach, SK

Frances Hall, Wabowden

Marc Jackson, Snow Lake

Dorothy (Nora) Ross, Thompson

Frederick (Dale) Seddon, Leaf Rapids

Anne Thompson, Lynn Lake

Blaine Winters, Cranberry Portage

Lloyd Flett, Vice-Chair, Norway House

Hilda Dysart, South Indian Lake

Cal Huntley, Flin Flon

Jasper Robinson, Thompson

Glen (Norman) Ross, The Pas

Cristo Spiess, Norway House

Edith Turner, Cormorant

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:

Nov. 28/12 (Wed.)	Thompson – Room # 141/143 Health Services Bldg.	Regular Board Meeting
Jan. 30/13 (Wed.)	Flin Flon – Hospital 4 th Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting
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
May 29/13 (Wed.)	The Pas – Health Complex 1 st Floor Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting

Visual Identify

The Board approved the new logo and visual identity for the Northern Regional Health Authority. While the legal name of the RHA is the Northern Regional Health Authority, the name Northern Health Region will be used in day-to-day operations and will be the name we are known by.

The Northern Health Region's logo consists of two components – The Northern Health Region wordmark and the map and eagle symbol. Our logo and our Brand tell the story of how we are an integral part of the North, while at the same time one with the land, the sky, the people and nature. Our logo depicts harmony, respect and a deep desire to care for the health and wellbeing of the North, and more specifically, the people.

The Map – The depiction of a map of Manitoba makes the vastness of the Northern Health Region's boundaries readily apparent to the viewer. The Southern boundary of the region is further enhanced and delineated by the Eagle.

The Eagle – The Eagle is a universal symbol of strength, power, truth and freedom. For our First Nations communities, the Eagle is the most sacred bird for it carries our prayers to the Creator. The Eagle soars above us all and sees and hears all. The Eagle sits in the East of the Medicine wheel with the direction of leadership and courage.

The Eagle's wings represent the balance between men and women. They show the interdependence of one upon the other and show both must work together, in cooperation to achieve desired results. In our logo, the eagles' wings cradle not only the region, but the people of the North, symbolizing health care, or "taking care of." In some respects, the Eagle can be seen as guarding or protecting the North.

The People – The people are represented by the three different sized figures representing the family (father, mother and child) but also the diversity of people within our region and the harmony in which they can live together. Their outstretched arms symbolize welcoming and openness to embrace life and its challenges.

The Sun – The depiction of the rising sun marks the dawning of a new day and its challenges. It also offers hopefulness to our people and gives thanks for life and nature.

Use of Technology

In an effort to reduce the tremendous amount of paper produced to provide Board members and staff with information for each Board meeting, the Board has approved the purchase of compact laptop computers as a way to go more paperless, while reducing document delivery costs and increasing the speed in which information and documents can be transmitted to and shared with the Board. A training session will be arranged for the Board once the new equipment is in hand so that maximum benefit can be achieved in the shortest amount of time. In addition, as noted in the Board meeting schedule above, the Board will be piloting the use of Telehealth as an alternate to physically travelling to each Board meeting, particularly during the months of more inclement weather.

Board Committees

The Board has formed a Finance Committee consisting of: Doug Lauvstad, Lloyd Flett, Blaine Winters (Treasurer), Marc Jackson and Cal Huntley. A Governance Committee was also appointed, consisting of: Doug Lauvstad, Lloyd Flett, Donna Champagne, Frederick (Dale) Seddon, Anne Thompson, and Cristo Spiess. It is anticipated that other Committees will be struck as the Board continues to engage in the work of governing the Northern Health Region.