

Board Highlights

Aug 27 2014



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on August 27, 2014 at the Community Hall in Snow Lake. 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.

Community Connections

John Marnock of The Pas was welcomed as a recently appointed Board Member attending his first Board meeting. Donna Champagne attended a recent community consultation session in Creighton and Denare Beach on behalf of the Region.

Board Education

The Board had a presentation on the Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs) and an update on the Region's implementation strategy by Tanis Campbell, Director of Community Engagement. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Tanis.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The Board approved the establishments of four LHIGs for the Region consisting of:

- Youth;
- Flin Flon/The Pas and Area;
- Thompson and Area; and
- Northern Communities.

Following a discussion, the Board approved the LHIG member selection and appointment process. In addition, the Board appointed the following members as a primary and alternate appointee to the each LHIG as follows:

Youth: Donna Champagne and Hilda Dysart

Flin Flon/The Pas and Area: Doug Lauvstad and Glen Ross with Cal Huntley as alternate,

Thompson and Area: Anne Thompson and Nora Ross with Jasper Robinson as alternate; and

Northern Communities: Frances Hall, Lloyd Flett and Walter Spence.

Finance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted the financial statements as of June 30, 2014 as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution of \$10,180,619.11 for the Moose Lake Provincial Nursing Station & Nurse Residence Accommodation project.

Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution of \$638,454.10 for the Flin Flon General Hospital Lab Upgrade and Safety and Security project.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

The committee had its first meeting and continues recruitment efforts to name the community members of the committee.

Board Committee Appointments and Workplan Approvals

Following a brief discussion, the Board approved the workplans of the Governance, Finance and Audit Committees. The Board also appointed Joh Marnock to the Governance Committee.

Monitoring Reports

Following discussion, the Board approved Appendix 14 feedback report as presented. In addition, the Board approved the Governance Manual Parts 2 and 3 feedback reports as received.

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 on her recent 2 day visit to Pukatawagan, the Minister of Health's recent visit to The Pas to announce Cancer Hubs and the Region's preparations as part of the province's response to the Ebola threat.

Flin Flon Emergency Room Redevelopment Project Report

The Steering Committee continues to meet and move the project forward. An Open House took place at the end of July and was well received.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved the Board orientation for new members as presented.

The Board approved a request by Anne Thompson for training in Winnipeg on Policy Development.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The process of registration as a charitable organization through the Canada Revenue Agency continues. An initial Bollywood fundraiser is planned for September 25 in Flin Flon organized by Dr. Intwala.

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 Telehealth to reduce travel during the winter months & support Board members by making it easier to attend Board meetings closer to their home community.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

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| Sept 24, 2014 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm | 4 th Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital | Regular Board Meeting |
| Oct 28, 2014 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | St. Joseph's Hall, Thompson | Northern Health Summit |
| Oct 28, 2014 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | St. Joseph's Hall, Thompson | NRHA Annual Meeting |
| Oct 29, 2014 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm | Thompson Regional Office Rm. 141 & 143 | Regular Board Meeting |
| Nov 26, 2014 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm | The Pas | Regular Board meeting |