

Board Highlights

June 18 2014



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on June 18, 2014 at the Thompson General Hospital. 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

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

A number of Board members and staff commented on aspects of the recent National Healthcare Leadership Conference in Alberta which they found impactful, including Jasper Robinson, Gerard Jennissen, and Doug Lauvstad.

Jasper Robinson provided an update on the work of the NPTP Task Group and invited Board members to share examples of issues they have encountered to the Group.

Gerrard Jennissen shared a number of stories he has heard from community members on a number of health related concerns or issues. Follow-up will take place at the staff level.

Walter Spence shared a number of concerns he has been made aware of by community members in the Gillam and Fox Lake areas. He also asked about the Region's plans for Aboriginal Day in June.

Anne Thompson shared news of a Cancer Walk for the Cure which was recently held in Lynn Lake raising more than \$2,600.

Mark Jackson represented the Board at a staff recognition luncheon in Snow Lake in May.

Board Education

Grand Chief Davis Harper and Walter Wastisicoot presented on the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak's (MKO's) Sustainable Health Framework: Strengthening Indigenous Governance in an effort to provide more accessible health services for MKO's First Nations' community members.

Dr. Randy Gesell and Lorraine Larocque presented to the Board on the Region's Harm Reduction Policy. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Randy & Lorraine.

Audit Committee Report

The audit committee met in a joint session with the finance committee to hear the auditor present the results of the annual audit and the audited financial statements for 2013-14. Following that presentation, the audit committee recommended that the finance committee recommend the approval of the statements to the Board.

Finance Committee Report

The audit committee joined with the finance committee and met with the auditor to discuss the audited financial statements. Following a recommendation by the Finance Committee, the Board accepted the audited financial statements as presented.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

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

Quality Improvement/Accreditation

The Quality and Patient Safety Committee report was provided Lloyd and included finalizing changes to the committee's Terms of Reference and finalized the committees work plan.

The Board will met with Accreditation Canada surveyors prior to the opening of the Board meeting. Joy Tetlock advised the Board that a debrief session was planned with members of the Senior Leadership Team of the Region for Friday morning and members of the Board were welcome to dial in via teleconference.

Board Committee Appointments

Following a brief discussion, members of all Board committees were re-appointed to serve an additional year in their current assignments.

External Committee Appointments

Following a brief discussion Nora Ross and Gerard Jennissen were appointed to serve on the Region's Ethics Committee. Anne Thompson was appointed to serve as an alternate to the committee if required.

Following a brief discussion Gerard Jennissen and Cal Huntley were appointment to serve as members of the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy committee.

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 a recent presentation by the Region at the COACH-Info Technology conference in Vancouver.

Flin Flon Emergency Room Redevelopment Project Report

The Steering Committee continues to meet and move the project forward. The Board was advised of the value of property being given to the project and its impact on the Community Commitment of the project. An Open House planned for June will be postponed so that more information can be finalized for the meeting. An Open House is being planned for the end of July.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved the adoption of a buddy system to pair a new board member with an experienced board member to assist in their orientation as a new Board member.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 15 (Skills Matrix) of the Governance Manual as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 16 (Committee Terms of Reference) of the Governance Manual as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 18 (Board Agenda) of the Governance Manual with the changes recommended by the Governance Committee.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 19 (Board Meeting Evaluation) of the Governance Manual as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 20 (Annual Board Evaluation) of the Governance Manual as presented.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Appendix 21 (Board Exit Interview) of the Governance Manual as presented and agreed to use the tool on a trial basis.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Part One of the Governance Manual without changes.

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Board Policy BC-1 (Board & CEO Relationship) as presented.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The By-laws have been drafted and circulated to the founding directors. An initial meeting is being scheduled in o accept those Bylaws. Following acceptance, the process of registration as a charitable organization through the Canada Revenue Agency will occur. An initial fundraiser is planned for September 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:

Aug 27, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Snow Lake Community Hall	Regular Board Meeting
Sept 24, 2014	1:00 – 5:00 pm	4 th Floor Boardroom, Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board Meeting
Oct 29, 2014	12:00 pm		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