

Board Highlights

Sept 24 2014



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on September 24, 2014 at the Flin Flon General Hospital 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.

Community Connections

Anne Thompson reported on a recent education session she attended as part of her Board education.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The nomination deadline has been extended until October 25th due to slow responses to date.

Board Education

The Board participated in a focus group as part of the Region's Community Health Assessment process facilitated by epidemiologist Cynthia Carr and VP of Planning and Innovation Joy Tetlock. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with Cynthia and Joy.

Finance Committee Report

The Board accepted the financial statements to July 31, 2014 for information as presented. The Board reviewed the annual funding letter from Manitoba Health. Following a discussion, the Board approved the 2014-15 budget for the Northern Health Region.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

Edie Turner reported on the Aboriginal and Human Resources Committee. The Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee recommend the appointment of Cindy Best and Noreen Vivian Singh to the Committee.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 2 & 3. Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved a revision to Appendix 11 – Exit Interview Questionnaire. Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board directed the CEO to work with the Chair to investigate the feasibility of combining the January and February Board meetings and report back to the Board in October.

Board Committee Appointments

The Board appointed John Marnock to the Finance Committee. In addition, on a recommendation from the Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee, the Board appointed Cindy Best and Noreen Vivian Singh as members of that committee.

Monitoring Reports

The Board approved the monitoring report for EE-4 Patient First Approach and agreed that the CEO is in compliance. The Board approved the monitoring report for EE-5 Board Support and External Relations and agreed the CEO is in compliance. The Board approved the monitoring report for the Population Health Dashboard as presented. The Board approved the monitoring report on a Risk Management (Quarter 1).

Annual Report

The Board approved the 2013-14 Annual Report of the Northern Health Region. It will be submitted to the Minister and posted on the website next week.

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 provided to the Board on the Cancer Patient Journey and the physician recruitment challenges that exist in a few of our communities along with the contingency plans.

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 took place at the end of July and was well received.

Northern Health Region Foundation

The process of registration as a charitable organization through the Canada Revenue Agency is nearing completion. An initial Bollywood fundraiser is planned for September 25 in Flin Flon organized by Dr. Intwala. Donna Champagne made a donation to the Foundation and challenged all Board members to meet or beat her donation. The Board responded favourably to that challenge.

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:

Oct 28, 2014	8:00am – 4:00pm	St. Joseph's Hall, Thompson	Northern Health Summit
Oct 29, 2014	12:00 – 1:00 pm	At. 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
Jan 28, 2015	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon Hospital (4 th Floor Boardroom)	Regular Board meeting