

# Board Highlights

October 2014



## **Introduction**

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on October 29, 2014 in Thompson. 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, CEO.

## **Community Connections**

Lloyd Flett chaired the meeting on behalf of Doug Lauvstad. He acknowledged the presence of Deputy Minister of Health Karen Herd and thanked her for her attendance to the meeting.

Anne Thompson reported on a recent meeting in Lynn Lake regarding health issues. Representatives of the province reported to the community that a review of data indicates cancer rates are not any higher per population.

Mayor Reg Meade of Wabowden addressed the Board regarding concerns of community members about a number of health related issues.

Gerrard Jennissen, the board rep on Mining academy reported that they had their first meeting. They are looking for housing for students.

Donna Champagne indicated that the Creighton & area community advisory council had a recent meeting.

## **Local Health Involvement Groups**

The Board established 2 Local Health Involvement Groups (1) Flin Flon, The Pas and Area LHIG and 2) Thompson and Area LHIG) and appointed Bill Graham, Carol Buchberger, Jill Wilkinson, Penny Helstrom, Marion Dodds, Beverly Hofheinz and Marcella Fenner as members of Flin Flon, The Pas and Area LHIG and Gerry Umbach, Kylie Matechuk, Valdine Flaming, John Donovan, Victoria Fleming, Dolores Robertson, Deborah Fitzgerald, Tom Zelensky and Miranda Atkinson as members of Thompson and Area LHIG. The Board also approved the Terms of Reference for the LHIGs.

## **Board Education**

A total of three presentations were made to the Board as part of the Board's education. They included a presentation by Donna Frame of the Crown Corporations Council on education offerings they deliver; Long Term Care presented by Betsy Wrana; and the Patient Safety Collaborative presented by Joy Tetlock and members of the collaborative. Following each of the presentations, the Board engaged in a question and answer session with the presenters.

## **Finance Committee Report**

The Board accepted the financial statements for the five months ended Aug 31, 2014 as presented. Following a recommendation from the finance committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 representing the mortgage for the purchase of the Primary Health Care Building in The Pas.

## **Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee**

Edie Turner reported that the Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee recommend the appointment of Theresa Wride of Flin Flon and Anita Crate of Cross Lake to the Committee.

### **Governance Committee Report**

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Board Monitoring Policy EE-4 Patient's First Approach with no changes. Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Board Policy EE-5 Board Support and External Relations with no changes.

The Governance Committee lead a discussion regarding the Northern Health Summit. On a recommendation of the Governance Committee the Board directed that a second summit be planned for next year in Flin Flon on October 27, 2015.

Following a discussion on the recent AGM in Thompson and on a recommendation from the Governance Committee, the Board directed that the 2015 AGM follow the same format as the 2014 AGM.

### **Board Committee Appointments**

Following a recommendation from the Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee, the Board appointed Theresa Wride of Flin Flon and Anita Crate of Cross Lake as members of the committee.

Following a recommendation from the Patient Safety and Quality committee, the board appointed Donna Champagne, Hilda Dysart, Cal Huntley, Gerard Jennissen, Nora Ross, Glen Ross, Walter Spence, Anne Thompson and John Marnock to the committee.

### **CEO Evaluation**

A discussion ensued on the annual CEO Evaluation process. The Board asked G. Hildebrand to work with W. Reader on an evaluation tool which the Board would complete for next month's Board meeting.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The Board approved the monitoring reports for Governance Manual Part 2, Part 3 and Part 4 and Appendix 17 (CEO Job Description) as presented.

### **Signage**

Lloyd Flett commented that there are still signs up reflecting the old regions. It was explained that some of the signs are very expensive to replace and options for less expensive ways to replace them are being sought. The Board decided to ask the region to approach our health auxiliaries and foundations to see if they could help contribute to the costs of these replacements given that there is no provincial funding for this work.

### **Feasibility of Combining Board Meetings**

Following a discussion, the Board decided to accept the option of lengthening the time of current Board meetings, beginning at 10 am, and adjourning at 5 pm with the inclusion of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee as a Committee of the Whole as part of the Board meeting,

### **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 Accreditation and an update on the Ebola situation in the Province.

### **Northern Health Region Foundation**

The Foundation has achieved charitable status as a public foundation. Banking arrangements, insurance coverage and other administrative processes are in progress. Online donations through the foundation's website are in place. The income tax receipts formats are being finalized. Promotion material is being updated and will be available within RHA facilities within the next 30 days. Once a decision is made regarding provincial funding credits, a sod-turning event to maintain excitement and launch the next phase of fundraising would be helpful.

### **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:

Nov 26, 2014	10:00 – 5:00 pm	The Pas Health Complex	Regular Board meeting
Jan 28, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon General Hospital	Regular Board meeting