

Board Highlights

November 2014



Introduction

The following are highlights from the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) Board of Directors meeting held on November 26, 2014 at The Pas Health Complex. 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

Doug Lauvstad spoke about a recent Council of Chairs meeting in Winnipeg in October 2014. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Discussion about increasing financial pressures;
- A request from the Council for a meeting with the Minister of Health;
- Two-day conference in Winnipeg, all appreciated the work put into the conference but was a lot of information for the audience to absorb in two days;
- Continuing to press for the issue of The Pas Clinic.

The Board Chair and CEO meet fairly regularly with Mayors to discuss local health care issues. The Board will begin a practice to invite new Mayors and Council to meet with the Board in each site for a meet and greet.

The Region is collaborating with Hope North (Suicide prevention capacity building) in Snow Lake.

Anne Thompson reported that the Lynn Lake arena will be going with natural ice for the winter.

Helga Bryant received a thank you from S. Lambert thanking the RHA for their donation of binders and file folders to the Mary Duncan School.

Local Health Involvement Groups

The Board approved the appointment of Jodie Madden to the Flin Flon/The Pas LHIG and Carol Sanoffsky, Don Fulford, Joan Goble, Leonard Budd and Jane Budd to the Thompson and area LHIG.

Board Education

The Board heard a presentation on the Violence Prevention Program from Ms. Pat Gibson, Workplace Safety & Health Coordinator for the Northern Health Region. Following the presentation, Pat engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

The Board heard a presentation on the Region's Medical Services Framework by Dr. Hussam Azzam, Chief Medical Officer and VP Medical focusing on Primary Care and Specialty Care in the Region. Following the presentation, Dr. Azzam engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

The Board heard a presentation from Wayne Heide of the Northern & Rural Health Office on the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Strategy and a new website at www.aboriginalhealthcareers.ca. Following that presentation, Wayne engaged in a question and answer session with the Board.

Finance Committee Report

The Board accepted the financial statements for the six months ended September 30, 2014 as presented. Following a recommendation from the finance committee, the Board approved a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$2,533,880.00 for an HVAC Upgrade to the Thompson General Hospital.

Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Committee

Donna Champagne reported on behalf of the committee. She indicated that the committee suggested looking more closely at Nuka System of Care. They are planning a meeting with Mamawetan Churchill River Health District in January to discuss this system. A face-to-face meeting of the committee is to be held in January. Link to this website is <https://www.southcentralfoundation.com/nuka/> for review.

Governance Committee Report

Following a recommendation by the Governance Committee, the Board approved Governance Manual Part 4 with no changes.

Quality & Patient Safety Committee Report

The Board approved the workplan of the committee.

Monitoring Reports

The Board approved the monitoring reports for Board Policies GP-1, GP-2, GP-3, and GP-4 as presented.

Ethics Committee Update

Helga Bryant gave the Board an update on what this committee does and their purpose. An ethical decision making checklist will be developed and presented to the Board as a tool which can be reviewed yearly. The Board also asked for a future presentation on Ethics / MB-PHEN.

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 provincial priority of Access to Services, a summary of the Northern Health Summit has been prepared and will be sent to participants and ongoing processes to ensure the Region is adequately prepared for the rare event that potential EVD patients present within the Region. Tim Horton's in Thompson presented a cheque to the Region representing the proceeds of their Smile Cookie campaign in the amount of \$5,600.

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. 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:

Jan 28, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon Hospital (4 th Floor)	Regular Board meeting
Feb 25, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson – Room 141/143	Regular Board meeting
Mar 25, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	The Pas – 1 st Fl. Conference Rm	Regular Board meeting
Apr 29, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	Flin Flon – Hospital Boardroom	Regular Board meeting
May 27, 2015	10:00 – 5:00 pm	Thompson- Room 141/143	Regular Board meeting