

WRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2017
TIME: 8:00 am
PLACE: WRHA Board Room - 4th Floor - 650 Main Street

PRESENT: Board Members

Karen Dunlop, Chair	Derek Johannson
Bill Baines	Kiran Kumedan
Jan Byrd (arrived at 8:35 am)	Donald Lepp
Dawn Daudrich	Bryce Matlashewski
Victor Giesbrecht	Dr. Judith Scanan
Raquel Godin	Shannon Stefanson
Stuart Greenfield	Dr. Alaa Awadalla (ex-officio)
Major Catherine Harris	

Management Members

Réal Cloutier	Lori Lamont
Daniel Ryall	Shelley Hopkins (for G. McLennan)
Bronwyn Penner-Holigroski (for L. Janzen)	Lorri Dahl, Recorder

REGRETS: Gord Steeves

GUESTS: Karlee Blatz

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the new Board members to their first meeting: Mr. Bill Baines, Ms. Dawn Daudrich, Mr. Victor Giesbrecht, Major Catherine Harris, Mr. Bryce Matlashewski, and Dr. Alaa Awadalla. Introductions were made around the table.

3. Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands

Dr. Scanlan read the Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared, potential or perceived with respect to the discussions anticipated at this Board meeting.

As new members of the Board and in the interest of transparency, the following declarations were made:

Mr. Giesbrecht has been appointed as the Concordia Hospital Board representative to the WRHA Board. This appointment is a structural part of the WRHA Board as per the RHA Act, and therefore, not a conflict of interest. Mr. Giesbrecht noted that he sits on the Board of Directors for the Winnipeg Housing and Rehabilitation Corporation that provides housing to clients that receive services from the WRHA. Mr. Cloutier advised that the WRHA does not have any housing agreement with the Corporation and therefore there is no conflict of interest.

Mr. Matlashewski advised that he is employed with National Bank Financial that does some investment work for the WRHA. Mr. Matlashewski added that this investment work is conducted through a separate investment team of which Mr. Matlashewski does not participate. Mr. Matlashewski will recuse himself from any portions of Board meetings that involve financial-related issues that involve National Bank Financial.

Major Harris informed the group that she leads a worship service once a month at a WRHA facility for which she receives an honourarium.

Dr. Awadalla is the President of the WRHA Medical Staff and an Obstetrician Gynecologist with privileges at Victoria General Hospital. Dr. Awadalla is a non-voting member of the Board.

5. Approval of Agenda

At the prerogative of the Chair, the following amendment was made to the agenda: Item #7.1.4 was moved from the "Open Session" of the meeting to the "In Camera Agenda". The agenda was then approved by consensus, as amended.

6. **Board Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting. For the benefit of the new members of the Board, the Chair explained the Board's mandate noting that it is not just focused on the financial aspects of the WRHA, but that the mandate is multi-dimensional encompassing quality, patient safety, and health care services to Manitobans and Northwest Ontario. The Chair advised that her role includes: representing the Board as a whole at public events; attending meetings with the Minister; and attending meetings with staff from WRHA devolved and non-devolved sites and agencies. A Board orientation will be held in mid-September, with a Board retreat to be held later in the fall.

7. **For Approval**

It was noted that Resolution #7.1.1 was distributed with the Board agenda package denoting an incorrect effective date of July 26, 2017. The correct date is June 27, 2017 and will be reflected accordingly in the resolutions noted below:

7.1.1 Appointment of WRHA Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves and ratifies the appointment of Réal Cloutier as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority effective June 27, 2017 until such time as the WRHA approves the appointment of a permanent President and Chief Executive Officer.

The above-noted resolution was read by the Chair into the public record at today's Board meeting. The above-noted resolution was unanimously approved during the private, in-camera session of the Board at their meeting of June 27, 2017.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves and ratifies the contract of employment entered into between WRHA and Réal Cloutier as the Interim President and CEO on August 16, 2017 which contract of employment shall be effective June 27, 2017.

*Moved by Mr. S. Greenfield, Seconded by Mrs. S. Stefanson
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

RESOLVED that Réal Cloutier effective June 27, 2017 is authorized to sign all cheques on behalf of the WRHA and that the WRHA shall take steps to add Réal Cloutier as an individual authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the WRHA while he is Interim President and CEO. Any two of the Board Chair, the Vice Chair and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign the necessary bank documentation to add Réal Cloutier, if necessary.

*Moved by Dr. J. Scanlan, Seconded by Ms. K. Kumedan
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves and ratifies all actions taken, cheques and contracts signed by Réal Cloutier in his role as Interim President and CEO since the effective date of his appointment to that role on June 27, 2017.

*Moved by Mr. S. Greenfield, Seconded by Mr. D. Lepp
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed Mr. Cloutier to his new role as the Interim President & CEO for the WRHA.

7.1.2 LHIG Topics - 2017/18

Discussion ensued on the two topics presented in the Briefing Note that was distributed with the agenda for review and approval.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the following LHIG Topic for 2017-18, as per the attached Briefing Note: 'Public Perspectives on Accessing and Navigating the Health Care System'.

*Moved by Mr. D. Johannson, Seconded by Ms. K. Kumedan
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

It was agreed to bring the second topic back to the next Board meeting for a generative discussion: 1) to review the concept of LHIGs overall and their relation to the Board; and 2) to discuss the second topic.

7.1.3 LHIG Membership Recommendations - 2017/18

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the proposed membership for the Local Health Involvement Groups for 2017/18 as per the attached list of proposed members.

Moved by Mrs. S. Stefanson, Seconded by Mr. B. Baines

The Board questioned how the diversity of the membership was derived. It was noted that the staff who manage the LHIGs are clear in their mandate and make concerted effort to ensure membership is diverse in culture and age, and is made up of members of the public, not patients in the health care system. Concern was expressed that the age of the volunteer should not be specified, but could be instead indicated through a generalized description such as “retired, student” or through an age range.

It was further noted that the membership does not include current Board members’ names. For this reason, the above-noted resolution was amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the proposed public membership for the Local Health Involvement Groups for 2017/18 as per the attached list of proposed members.

*Moved by Mrs. S. Stefanson, Seconded by Mr. B. Baines
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

7.2 Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting of June 27, 2017

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 27, 2017, were distributed for approval, and accepted by consensus.

*Moved by Mr. D. Johansson, Seconded by Mr. D. Lepp
Counted Vote: All in Favour
Motion Carried Unanimously*

A break was taken in the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m. The meeting commenced in the In Camera Session at 9:31 a.m.

The meeting moved from the In Camera Session to the Open Session at 11:50 a.m.

8. For information

8.1 Non-Clinical Sustainability Plan Update

An update on the plan was provided in the In Camera Session of the meeting.

8.2 Clinical Sustainability Plan Update

An update on the plan was provided in the In Camera Session of the meeting.

8.3 Bed Map

This item was deferred.

8.4 Clinical Consolidation - Preparedness for Phase 1

A copy of the above-noted briefing note was distributed with the agenda for review and information. The overall improvement in patient flow throughout the sites, bodes well for site readiness in terms of the clinical consolidation. Meetings with the sites around the changes are continuing. The region is comfortable with how the roll out of the plan is proceeding. The region is ensuring the management of these changes proceeds in a safe and efficient manner.

8.5 Staff Engagement - Consolidation

A copy of the above-noted briefing note was distributed with the agenda for review and information.

8.6 Actions from Staff Forums

A copy of the above-noted briefing note was distributed with the agenda for review and information.

8.7 WRHA Professional Advisory Committee Annual Report 2016

A copy of the above-noted report was distributed with the agenda for review and information.

8.8 Performance Dashboard - Quarterly Report and Dashboard Summary

A copy of the above-noted report and summary were distributed with the agenda for review and information. The report and summary are examples of how the region is monitoring priorities on patient flow. There has been a: 66% improvement in patient flow over last year; 16% improvement in emergency department wait times; 10% improvement in length of stay on inpatient units; and a 17% improvement in length of stay for emergency department patients, even though there has been an 3.2% increase in emergency department visits over that same period and a 4.5% increase in admission rates. The reports indicate the region is trending in the right direction.

9. Committees of the Board

9.1 Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board

The next meeting of this group will be held in the next 2 weeks.

9.2 Quality, Patient Safety and Innovation Committee of the Board

A copy of the May 25, 2017 minutes of the QPSI Committee of the Board was distributed with the agenda for review and information.

9.3 First Nations, Metis and Inuit Health Committee of the Board

The FNMIH Committee of the Board is in process of interviewing community members to serve on the Committee, but the process to fill the positions on the Committee have been paused until further information on the newly formed SHSM (Shared Health Services Manitoba) is available, given that Indigenous Health Services is moving into the new Provincial Health Organization.

9.4 Resources Committee of the Board

A copy of the May 15, 2017 minutes of the Resources Committee of the Board was distributed with the agenda for review and information.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

11. Private Meeting of the Board and the Interim President & CEO - In Camera Session

A private meeting of the Board and the Interim President & CEO commenced.

12. Private Meeting of the Board - In Camera Session

A private meeting of the Board was held.