

WRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
TIME: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
PLACE: WRHA Board Room - 4th Floor - 650 Main Street

PRESENT: Board Members

Karen Dunlop, Chair	Wayne McWhirter, Vice Chair
Dr. Nobby Woo, exofficio	Bill Baines
Dawn Daudrich - T	Catherine Harris
Shannon Stefanson - T	Donald Lepp
Jan Byrd (L-11:30)	Judith Scanlan
Kiran Kumedan	Jennifer Moncrieff
Bryce Matlashewski (L-11:45)	

PRESENT: Management Members

Real Cloutier	Ingrid Botting, Corporate Secretary
Dr. Ainslie Mihalchuk	Lori Lamont
Gina Trinidad	Scott Sime
Shelley Hopkins	Krista Williams
Gary Williment	Audrey Kuny (recorder)

REGRETS: Vera Houle

GUESTS: Alan Katz, Director, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

2. Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands

Jennifer Moncrieff read the Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands.

3. 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.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

*Moved by Judith Scanlan,
2nd by Donald Lepp.
CARRIED*

5. Board Chair's Remarks

The Board received a report from the Chair on activities and engagements she has undertaken on behalf of the Board.

6. First Nations Atlas - Education and Discussion

The Board received education and discussion on the report, *The Health Status of and Access to Healthcare by Registered First Nations Peoples in Manitoba*, that was publically released on September 17, 2019. The public release of the RHA Atlas, which considered the health status of all Manitobans, and which informs the Community Health Assessment Report, was also released on the same day. The Board will receive further education and time for discussion on the RHA Atlas at a later meeting.

The report was prepared as a partnership between the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) and the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba. The session was led by Dr. Alan Katz, Director, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, and focused on the findings and recommendations as they pertained to the Winnipeg Health Region.

The Board was presented with the results of the study demonstrating a widening gap between the health of First Nations and all other Manitobans and pointed to the inequities in service provision. There was lengthy discussion and questions by the Board to understand specifically where there are gaps in access to services in the Winnipeg Region that can be addressed. There was strong commitment to the recommendations and to having further discussion as relates to Indigenous health and the TRC Calls to Action. The Board also discussed its own commitment to participating in the MICST training the WRHA offers.

7. In-Camera Session

The meeting moved from the Public Session to the In-Camera Session at 7:43 a.m. The Open Session reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

8. Reporting and Discussion by Priority Area

8.1 Dashboard Review

8.1.1 Quality and Patient Safety

There has been focused Quality and Safety monitoring activities on Concordia Hospital and Seven Oaks Hospital as part of the changes at those sites.

The WRHA Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Team (QIPS) regularly identify, review and monitor patient safety events, themes, and trends across the region. The QIPS team reports events, themes, and trends to WRHA executive leadership, site and program leadership and the WRHA Board of Directors, providing regular updates and a comprehensive quarterly report.

Quality and safety is very focused on a number of areas including recognizing deterioration and transitions in care. All Hospitals are at various stages of adopting the National Early Warning System (NEWS) to assist staff in identifying deterioration and provide clear escalation pathways.

The Interim Chief Medical Officer has taken a very active role in engaging and involving physicians in strategies to address quality and safety improvements in our healthcare system. This is early work but recognizing the important role that physicians have in this area.

WRHA has requested and been granted a 6 month delay by Accreditation Canada to undertake its Regional Accreditation planned for April 2020. There were a

combination of factors that led to the request that included an extended shutdown of the Accreditation Canada Portal (where data from organizations like the WRHA is collected and analyzed as part of the readiness process), resource impacts related to regional clinical consolidation and Provincial Transformation activities.

8.1.2 Financial Sustainability

The Board was presented with a summary of the financial position for the month of August as well as the year to date August 2019 results. Work is being done to measure and monitor actual financial performance against a budget plan of expenditures and the bottom line financial position. The Board was provided with variance explanations by expense category against budget plan.

8.1.3 Healing Our Health System Phase II Update

The Board received information on the on-going work being addressed as a part of HOHS Phase II. As part of the update, the Board was assured that all risks assessments and mitigation strategies are in place to support the transition of SOGH to its new role. Processes were established to monitor the acuity of patients being admitted at the site and to ensure that patients requiring acute care services are being transferred according to the patient pathways. As part of the update, and in response to questions about the quality and safety during the transition, the Board was informed that monitoring results indicate that the site is admitting patients appropriate to its new role. Project charters have been developed around the issue of Access Block (admitted patients waiting in an emergency department for an inpatient bed) and nursing stabilization. Active actions are being taken to address issues in both areas, and the Board was informed that the region is working closely with SBGH.

9. Compliance for Approval

9.1 2018/2019 Annual Report approval - AGM

The Board received the 2018/2019 Annual Report in advance of the meeting for preview.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board of Directors hereby approves the WRHA 2018/19 Annual Report as attached hereto.

***Moved by Bryce Matlashewski,
2nd by Donald Lepp.
CARRIED***

9.2 2018/19 Administrative Overhead Report for approval

As a legislative requirement, the Board received the annual Administrative Cost overhead report. The report indicated that the WRHA is in compliance with the requirement that corporate costs do not exceed 2.99% of the total operating costs of the region for the fiscal year.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the 2018/19 Administrative Overhead Report as attached hereto.

***Moved by Judith Scanlan,
2nd by Kiran Kumedan.
CARRIED***

9.3 2018/19 Management Count Report for approval

The Board received the annual 2018/19 Management count report confirming the WRHA is in compliance with the provincial direction.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the 2018/19 Management Count Compliance Report demonstrating WRHA compliance.

*Moved by Donald Lepp,
2nd by Jennifer Moncrieff.
CARRIED*

10. Governance

10.1 Board Calendar and Workplan

The Board was presented with the Board calendar and workplan for 2019-20, and was informed that this is a living document used for planning. The Governance and Nominating Committee reviewed the workplan at the committee's September meeting.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the WRHA Board Calendar for 2019 - 20 as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee and attached hereto.

*Moved by Judith Scanlan,
2nd by Donald Lepp.
CARRIED*

10.2 Treasurer

Wayne McWhirter recused himself.

The Board Chair reported that on the recommendation from the Governance and Nominating Committee, Wayne McWhirter was recommended to be nominated as Treasurer, and that Mr. McWhirter had accepted the nomination.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the appointment of Wayne McWhirter as Treasurer of the Board.

*Moved by Judith Scanlan,
2nd by Donald Lepp.
CARRIED*

10.3 Audit Committee Chair

This item was deferred.

11. Consent Agenda:

11.1 French Language Services Annual Report on Strategic Plan 2018/2019

11.2 Board Committee Reports:

11.2.1 Indigenous Health Committee (Judith Scanlan)

11.2.2 Resources Committee (Wayne McWhirter)

11.3 Board Meeting Minutes:

11.3.1 July 23, 2019

11.3.2 August 27, 2019

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approve the Consent Agenda items.

*Moved by Donald Lepp,
2nd by Judith Scanlan.*

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting moved from the Public Session back to the In-Camera Session at 11:48 a.m.

13. Private Meeting of the Board & President & CEO - In-Camera Session

A private meeting was held in-camera.

14. Private Meeting of the Board - In-Camera Session

A private meeting was held in-camera.

15. Date of Next Board Meeting:

October 22, 2019 - 7:30am to 12:15pm - Holy Family Home