

WRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES October 25, 2022, 2022

DATE: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
TIME: 9:00 am - 10:15 pm
PLACE: 650 Main St - 4th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT: **Board Members**

Pat Solman, Chair (virtual)	Patti Ramage (virtual)
Frank Koch-Schulte	Vanessa Everett
Jennifer Moncrieff	Bill Baines
Dr. Netha Dyck (Vice Chair)	Carole Urias (virtual)
Dr. Scott Mundle	Dr. Glen Drobot
Brenda McInnes	Julie Bubnick
Adekunle Ajisebutu	Dawn Daudrich (virtual)

REGRETS: Mary Anne Lynch Dan Skwarchuk Lauren Stone

GUESTS: Brenda Comte

PRESENT: **Management Members**

Mike Nader	Jane MacKay
Scott Sime	Ingrid Botting
Pat Younger	Adrian Solonga
Dr. Joss Reimer	Christy MacKenzie
Terri Kolody (recorder)	

- 1. Call to Order**
Netha Dyck called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
- 2. Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands**
Netha Dyck read the Statement of Acknowledgment of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands.
- 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
There were no declared Conflicts of Interest.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda**
The Agenda was accepted as circulated.

RESOLVED that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.

Carried by all

5. **Board Chair's Remarks**

The Chair informed the Board that the AGM will take place this afternoon at 2 pm, and will be virtual. All Board members are encouraged to attend. The November Board meeting will take place at St. Boniface Hospital, and will include a tour of the new Emergency Department construction site.

6. **CEO**

6.1. CEO Report

The Board was provided with the current status of COVID numbers in Winnipeg and in hospitals, and was informed that the numbers are increasing and being closely monitored by the region. Other pressures on the system are being experienced due to flu season starting early, staff off sick, and higher acuity of patients presenting to emergency departments.

In response to the Board's request for information on Management's action plans to address long waits in Emergency Departments (Waiting to Be Seen Time), there was lengthy discussion. The Board was informed that the actions are system wide and cross sectors, including recruitment and retention of staff, and enhancements in long term are and community.

6.2. Provincial Dashboard

The provincial Dashboard and WRHA Indicators Report were received to assist the Board in its oversight and monitoring role.

7. **Strategic Plan**

7.1. WRHA Strategic Plan (2023-28) - for approval (Brenda Comte and Mike Nader)

The Board was thanked for their feedback and input on the draft Strategic Plan that came out of the facilitated session with the full Board on September 27. Management revised the Strategic Plan based on the Board's feedback, Staff Town Halls, and other Stakeholder feedback. The Governance and Nominating Committee reviewed the revised plan at their October meeting.

The version before the Board at today's meeting for approval is the one that contains all of government's requirements and has a submission deadline of November 1, 2022. WRHA Communications is working on a shorter version that will be graphically appealing for a broad audience, including staff and the public.

Management emphasized that the Indigenous health component of the Strategic Plan would be co-developed with First Nations, Métis and Inuit organizations, and peoples.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Strategic Plan (2023-28) submission to government, subject to Ministerial approval.

Carried by all

- 7.2. WRHA French Language Services Plan (2023-28) - for approval
Rachel Ferguson and Angèle Matyi reviewed the French Language Services (FLS) 5- year Strategic Planning process, and presented the plan for WRHA Board approval. The Board was informed that the FLS plan is aligned with the WRHA Strategic Plan. The Board was also informed that there are many stakeholders involved in developing and approving the FLS Strategic Plan, including Santé en Santé and the Francophone Affairs Secretariat.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the revised French-Language Service Plan (FLS) for 2023-2028 to be submitted to the Francophone Affairs Secretariat as part of a broader development and approval process for the plan.

Carried by all

8. **Financial Reporting**

- 8.1. YTD Financial Report and Forecast Report
The Board was provided with the YTD Financial and Forecast report.

9. **Board Committees**

- 9.1. Audit Committee
Brenda McInnes, Chair of Audit Committee, provided an overview of the Audit Committee meeting of October 11, 2022.

9.1.1. **Annual Report on Whistleblower Disclosures - for information**

The Chair of Audit Committee reported that the Committee reviewed the Whistle Blower report at the October meeting. At the recommendation of the Committee, Management and Internal Audit will review the current process for disclosing with the purpose of ensuring that the process is clear and there are no barriers for staff and others to use it if necessary. The Board was reminded that the report was included in the WRHA Annual Report, which was approved by the Board.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board acknowledges it has received and accepts the annual 2021/22 Whistleblower Report as presented by Internal Audit.

Carried by all

- 9.2. Governance and Nominating Committee
The Governance and Nominating Committee met on October 13, 2022. The Chair informed the Board that she and Netha Dyck attended a session hosted by government for Chairs and Vice Chairs of RHA Boards to discuss current challenges and opportunity in the health system.

10. Local Health Involvement Groups (LHIGs) topics for 2022/23
Scott Sime reviewed the Briefing Note circulated with the Agenda for pre-read, and presented the Board with a topic for the LHIG meeting discussions in 2022/23. The topic proposed is for the LHIG's to focus on ways to enhance public engagement with the WRHA.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board hereby approves the topic as presented by the LHIGs for discussion at the meetings in 2022/23, "Public Input in the development of a WRHA engagement strategy."

Carried by all

11. Public Minutes September 27, 2022

RESOLVED that the Public Minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2022 be accepted

Carried by all

12. Resolutions

13. Adjournment of Public Agenda

The Public meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am

14. In-Camera Session

The meeting moved to the In-Camera portion of the meeting at 10:15 am

15. Date of Next Meeting: November 22, 2022