



MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 24th, 2007
Mental Health Boardroom, Jan
Stirling Building

PRESENT: Liz Wyman, Chair
Kay Lewis, CEO
Ruth Robertson, Director
Community Health
Karen Hamre
Robert Sayine
Pawan Chugh
Leone Erasmus
Kevin Mcleod
Florence Catholique
Rachel Abel , EA (Recorder)

REGRETS: Andy Wong

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by the Chair Liz Wyman. The Chair welcomes Kay Lewis the new CEO of YHSSA, and thanks Ruth for a job well done as CEO for the past year. The Board appreciates the effort and time that was put in over the last year.

2. OPENING PRAYER/REFLECTION

The Chair opened the meeting with the Lords Prayer.

3. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

3.1 Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

3.2 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the Yellowknife Health and Social Services Board accepts the Agenda as presented.

MOVED BY: Karen Hamre

SECONDED BY: Florence Catholique

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3.3 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None noted.

4. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE LIABILITY

Ruth Robertson CEO reported that all obligations are current and there are no outstanding items. There is one lawsuit still outstanding. Robert enquires about the lawsuit. The Chair updates Robert that the lawsuit was from 3 years ago and is currently in discoveries. All the lawyers are interviewing the parties involved. Robert asks if closure is close. The Chair informs him that there is no time line as it is currently in the legal process. The case is a wrongful dismissal case.

5. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes:

Discussion: Leone comments on item 6.2 Consolidated Clinic. She requests that the wording be changed to say “cultural inclusion” and not “recognition”. Leone requests that there be further discussion on this issue as the Board needs to be clear on the vision when moving forward with the project now that it is approved for the planning phase. The Board Chair asks that Board members send questions to Karen who will be rep on the planning committee. There is some discussion on the role of the rep for the committee. Leone informs the Board that Capital Health in Edmonton has developed a strong cultural program that brings caregivers together traditionally and also hires aboriginal people into health professions. **Action:** The Capital Health Presentation planned for a future Board meeting should focus on this issue. The discussion of the Consolidated Clinic’s mission will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 28th, 2007 be approved as amended.

MOVED BY: Pawan Chugh

SECONDED BY: Karen Hamre

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6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Northways Report: There is discussion on the spreadsheet that Ruth distributes which highlights the recommendations and has a column indicating the intended action, responsibility and status for each. The Board Chair asks everyone to email Kay if changes are required to this format. Robert states that this is not the review that the community wanted. The three political groups in the community have not given feedback yet on the report. Robert is concerned that some community members were not consulted. Robert would like the report brought back into the community to determine out of the recommendations what would be useful for them to have addressed by YHSSA. Karen would like to see the

report used as a tool to provide direction when meeting in the community. At the meeting last year it was promised that the Board would go back to discuss the report, the report can be used to help improve communication between the community and the Board. Florence says that the decision making logistics in the community are far different than at larger centers such as Yellowknife. Florence commends the government for undertaking the review and to look at what is working in the community. Lutsel K'e would like to get out of the system and work directly with the Minister in what programs are delivered in the community. The process is the problem in how decisions are being made for the community. Processes can only work if the resources are there. **Action:** The Board Chair will write a letter to the Minister informing him of the work YHSSA is doing with respect to the recommendations in the Northway's report as well as asking for the department to address those recommendations considered outside the current mandate of the authority.

6.2 AGM: There is discussion on the agenda items. Karen would like to see the AGM advertised in a new format with more detail emphasized on the presentations that will be offered. Florence enquires why the AGM is held in the evening as it might generate more public interest during the day. **Decision:** to review for next years meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Board Meeting Schedule: Robert raises concern over the current meeting schedule as it does not always fall on the third Tuesday of the month. There is discussion on upcoming meeting dates and Board member preferences for meeting days. Meetings are held in the evening so as not to conflict with trustee work commitments. **Decision** is that the schedule will remain as currently set with some flexibility if a meeting date change is requested in advance.

7.2 CEO Report: Ruth thanks everyone for the support she has received in the last year. The current Deputy Minister has resigned and Greg Cummings will be acting for the month of October and Warren St Germaine for the month of November. The permanent DM will be chosen by the new Minister. Senior Management have been working with Denise Blackwell on the Consolidated Clinic, we are taking the report from 2005 and making sure we have a footprint for a building to meet our needs in the future. We have come a long way and are looking at integrating services, as well as an outreach worker, GSC Mental Health Workers and Social Workers. We also recognize the need for the cultural inclusion. Kay has experience in designing and planning. Ruth updates the Board on the TB outbreak. Lutsel K'e has sent an invitation to Senior Management for October 10th to visit the community and discuss transferring funding for a cultural worker as well as discuss the other Social

Programs. Ruth speaks to the spreadsheet that summarizes the recommendations of the Northways report for Fort Resolution. Ruth updates the Board on the clinical audits that were carried out in Fort Res and Lutsel K'e Health Centers. Both audits conclude that there are good services happening in each community. The audits review pharmacy, Well Man, Well Women, Well Child, Prenatal and Chronic Disease.

7.3 Report from JLC: The Chair informs everyone that the teleconference was cancelled. Correspondence received from the Minister has announced that funding has been approved for the Dementia facility.

8. CONSOLIDATED CLINIC UPDATE: Ruth gives an update. For the next Board meeting there will be discussion on the vision and mission as well as cultural inclusion. Karen requests statistics on the number of patients that are currently without family physicians. There is some discussion on the move to look at a team approach to this issue as well as advanced access to care. Karen requests the information as a planning tool. Florence asks how traditional Healers fit into the western medicine scope. Karen would like to have discussions on the types of alternative medicines that we should be looking at and what is covered. Ruth informs the Board that the only services that can be provided are insured services. Non Insured Health Benefits provide the approvals for Traditional Healers.

9. NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 30th.

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:55pm

MOTION: That this meeting of the Yellowknife Health and Social Services Board be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Karen Hamre
SECONDED BY: Pawan Chugh

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Rachel Abel
Recording Secretary

Elizabeth Wyman
Board Chair