

Regional Health Authority B
Horizon Health Network

Minutes of Meeting

Board of Directors

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of Regional Health Authority B, held on Thursday, April 15, 2010, beginning 6:00 p.m. in Ballroom B, Delta Brunswick, Saint John.

Present: Jim Lutes (Vice Chair), Rod Borden, Karen Branscombe, Richard Breault, Leo Burns, Natasha Campbell, Cathy Carnahan, Harry Doyle, Lise Drisdelle-Cormier, Bryana Ganong, Mavis Hurley, Barbara Quigley, Wayne Roach, Roxanne Sappier, Donald Peters, Dr. Tom Barry, Kristen Pinsent-Close, Jeff Carter, Michael Chisholm, Jean Daigle, Geri Geldart, Gary Foley, Dr. Edouard Hendriks, Janet Hogan, Nancy Roberts, Nancy Savage, Vicki Squires, Norma MaGee (Recording)

Regrets: John Laidlaw (Chair), Jean-Eudes Levesque, Bruce McCubbin, Dr. John McCann

In the absence of Mr. Laidlaw, Mr. Lutes acted as chair and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Introductions were made and a warm welcome extended to special guests in attendance: Margaret Melanson, Executive Director of the Saint John Regional Hospital; Elizabeth Cormier, Regional Director of Volunteers and Auxiliaries; Fonda Kazi, former Vice President of Community and Primary Health Care Services; and Dr. Brian Wheelock, Chief of Staff, Zone 2 Saint John.

i. Minutes of last meeting

MOTION:

MOVED BY MR. ROACH, SECONDED BY DR. CAMPBELL

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Vice President – strategic priority updates

(a) Jeffrey Carter, VP Operations and Support Services: Mr. Carter presented an update on the formation and development of Horizon's Capital Infrastructure Team as well as information on ongoing projects in all zones. In all four zones space planning is underway to accommodate the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick needs.

(b) Geri Geldart, VP Community Health and Nursing Affairs: Ms. Geldart explained that there are four initiatives underway in both the Community Health and Nursing Affairs portfolios. She spoke to the provincial workload measurement underway, which is a joint project with the Department of Health, RHA A, and FacilicorpNB; as well as the population health strategy underway for Horizon.

(c) Dr. Edouard Hendriks, VP Medical and Academic Affairs: Dr. Hendriks updated the Board on medical recruitment and medical education in Horizon. He explained that since October 2006, there has been a net total of 109 (231 in, and 122 out) physicians recruited to the communities within Horizon Health Network. He also provided an update on medical education, and the progress with the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick program, to begin in September 2010 in Saint John.

3. Committee Reports

Board of Directors' Committees

(a) Governance and Nominating: Ms. Quigley reported that topics of discussion at the February 19 meeting of the Governance and Nominating Committee included an update on the review of the bylaws, board appointments, and accreditation 2010. A working group was established to review the results of the self-assessment for Sustainable Governance standards, which will provide findings to the committee on May 7. The board will be updated on the information being made available to Accreditation Canada on the standards at the next meeting.

(b) Finance and Audit: Mr. Doyle reported that there have been no regular meetings of the Finance and Audit Committee since the Board last met.

(c) Human Resources: In the absence of the committee chair, Mr. Roach provided the report from the committee's March meeting. Topics of discussion included physician recruitment, Board of Management Minute regarding political activity, changes to the Public Services Labour Relations Act affecting casual employees, and information systems.

(d) Health Planning and Delivery: Ms. Hurley's report contained information received at the meeting regarding Diagnostic Imaging Services in Horizon Health Network; information on surgical wait times and trends in New Brunswick; terms of reference for the First Nations Liaison Committee; an update on the enhanced hours for dialysis at the Upper River Valley Hospital; and transition of the Tobique Valley Community Health Centre.

Board of Directors' Advisory Committees

(e) Regional Medical Advisory: Dr. Barry explained that the Regional Medical Advisory Committee has met twice since the Board's last meeting, with a number of topics being discussed. He said that a sub committee has been formed to review the organization's smoking policy for staff and patients.

(f) Regional Professional Advisory: Ms. Pinsent-Close reported that the Regional Professional Advisory Committee (RPAC) on March 18, at which time there was a lengthy discussion regarding the Committee's mandate especially in light of the fact that there have been no requests for advice from the Board or other parts of the organization. There was discussion around the need for the committee to understand the role it plays in the organization and how to appropriately communicate this role throughout Horizon, and will continue with these discussions at its next meeting.

The committee was also updated on the Accreditation survey 2010, and professionals' credentialing; along with information on the Medication Management Committees being developed.

4. For information

(a) Corporate Summary: Circulated with the agenda materials was a copy of a 'corporate summary' – an overview of current activities in Horizon Health Network.

(b) Dalhousie Medical School update: Information on the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick was provided to bring the board members up to date on the planning activities for the September 2010 launch of the Dalhousie medical school program in New Brunswick.

5. Other business

Mr. Lutes extended appreciation to all board members for their attendance at committee meetings.

6. Questions from the public

Nil

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Ms. Carnahan at approximately 7:15 p.m.