



# Interlake–Eastern Regional Health Authority

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 24, 2022**  
**Selkirk United Church – 202 McLean Ave., Selkirk, MB**  
**Meeting Number 07.2022.11.24**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Michele Polinuk, Vice-Chair  
Murray Werbeniuk  
Arnthor Jonasson  
Tammy Hagyard-Wiebe  
Judith Cameron (virtual)  
Susan Bater  
Penny Anne Wainwright

**Regrets:** Glen West; Chair, Debbie Fiebelkorn, Cyndi Typliski & Lynette McDonald

**Absent:**

**RHA Staff:** Marion Ellis, CEO  
C. Cole & R. Paulic, Executive Assistants (Recorder)

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### 1. Call to Order

Michele Polinuk, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda and there were no additions brought forward.

Moved by J. Cameron, seconded by P. Wainwright

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The agenda be adopted as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.2.0**

### 3. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

S. Bater addressed the Treaty Land Acknowledgment.

“Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority delivers health-care services on First Nation Treaty Territories 1, 2, 3 and 5 and on the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation. We respect that First Nations treaties were made on these territories, acknowledge harms and mistakes, and we dedicate ourselves to collaborate in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Red River Métis peoples in the spirit of reconciliation.”

#### 4. Attendance

M. Polinuk provided roll call.

G. West, D. Fiebelkorn, C. Typliski & L. McDonald sent regrets. J. Cameron joined virtually and all other Board of Directors attended the Selkirk United Church in person.

Moved by A. Jonasson, seconded by M. Werbeniuk

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Directors excuses G. West, D. Fiebelkorn, C. Typliski and L. McDonald from the November 24, 2022 meeting. All other Board of Directors are all in attendance at the November 24, 2022 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.4.0**

#### 5. Adoption of previous minutes (October 27, 2022)

The October 27, 2022 Board of Directors minutes were reviewed.

Moved by P. Wainwright, seconded by S. Bater

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The minutes from the October 27, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.5.0**

#### 6. Business Arising – None

#### 7. New Business - None

#### 8. Chair's Report

No report.

#### 9. Chief Executive Officer Report

##### 9.1 October CEO Report to the Board – Executive Summary

M. Ellis, CEO, provided a high-level executive summary overview to the Board, highlights included:

- Recruitment Initiative: On November 10, 2022 Premier Heather Stefanson announced that the Manitoba government is implementing a health human resource action plan moving to end mandating overtime by adding 2,000 health-care professionals with an investment of \$200 million to retain, train and recruit health-care staff across the province. The premier and minister stressed respect for Manitoba doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals and support staff has always been pivotal and will continue to be at the core of this action plan.
  - The Health Human Resource action plan is made up of three pillars: retain, train and recruit.
  - These initiatives will be rolled out as they are finalized and are in addition to many initiatives and incentives that are already in effect to increase Health Human Resource capacity across the province and therefore reducing the requirement to mandate overtime.
  - To read more on the full news release click [here](#).

- Communication black-out period now in effect until December 13 inclusive: On November 15, 2022 the Province announced a provincial byelection for voters in the Kirkfield Park electoral division of Winnipeg to choose a new MLA. Election day is Tuesday, December 13. The campaign period for this election has begun. Under the Election Financing Act, we are now in a period of communication black-out that will end at midnight December 13. We must not advertise or publish any information about Interlake-Eastern RHA programs or activities in this time period that can be interpreted as being promotional in nature. “Advertise or publish” covers any direct or indirect action that makes information about our programs or activities generally known such as ads, new information added to website and social media posts. Ongoing program information is usually fine to continue but we should be revisiting announcements or information about anything new that we’re undertaking or introducing.
- Pine Falls: The Emergency Department (ED) remains temporarily suspended as of August 30, 2022 - working with Chief Medical Officer (CMO)/Physicians to get back on track. Enhanced primary care has been stood up. ED had opened from July 18 to August 30, 2022, with Emergency Response Services (ERS) working for 12 hours a day. Pine Falls incident command restarted, with the goal to reopening ED services beginning of January, dependent on agency contracts.
- COVID – Bivalent Vaccine: On November 8, 2022 Manitoba Health advises that a Pfizer infant vaccine was recently recommended for use in children aged six months to four years old. Most parents and caregivers who make a first vaccine appointment for a child in this age group should expect the Pfizer infant vaccine will be offered.
  - This vaccine is being distributed to clinics, pharmacies and vaccine sites across Manitoba and should be available as early as this week. The Pfizer infant vaccine is a three-dose series and each dose should be given at least eight weeks apart.
  - It is recommended that, whenever possible, children receive the same vaccine for each dose. The remaining provincial stock of the Moderna infant vaccine will be used as second doses for those who received that vaccine as a first dose. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization also strongly recommends the Moderna infant vaccine for immunocompromised children.
  - From November 7-13 (Week 45), there were 1,070 laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Manitoba, an increase from 946 in the previous week
- Influenza activity increased in the last three weeks. (Week 45) November 6 to 12, 2022 influenza A test positivity increased to 7.4%, yet still lower than 11.7% that was observed nationally. This increase in activity is earlier than would be expected for this time of year. The predominant circulating strain is influenza A (H3N2), a strain that typically has higher risk for older adults. However, up to Week 45 this season, about one third of those influenza cases and influenza associated hospital admissions are among children below the age of 18. Additionally, children below the age of five years accounted for 13% of all influenza cases and 20% of associated hospital admissions. At the same time, there are other co-circulating respiratory viruses whose detections have also increased. RSV test positivity was 5.5% in Week 45, an increase from 3% in the previous week.

The November 2022 fulsome CEO Report to the Board on progress was included in the package. Opportunity for questions was provided.

## 10. Committee Reports

### 10.1 Finance Committee

#### 10.1.1 Approved Finance Minutes

The approved Finance Committee minutes from October 20, 2022 are included in the Board package for information.

#### **10.1.2 Finance Presentation**

R. Hogg reviewed the reconciliation to September 30, 2022 financial statements, providing a summary of changes from the preliminary statements to the final consolidated statements & financial statement. All entries were typical accounting adjustments that are anticipated at year-end.

**Motion by J. Cameron, seconded by A. Jonasson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Board of Directors accepts the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2022 as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.10.1.2**

#### **10.1.3 Infusion (IV) Pump Purchase**

D. Forbes noted that the infusion (IV) pump purchase was a provincial initiate lead by Shared Health supply chain group. The region requires 341 pumps and the associated drug libraries. The region has set aside basic equipment funding over the last 5 years. The total cost for the infusion (IV) pumps totals \$549,577 and will require Board approval per policy of the signing authority amount.

Recommendation is brought forward from the Board Finance Committee, to approve the purchase the Infusion (IV) pumps of \$549,577.35 using saved basic equipment funds.

**Motion by P. Wainwright, seconded by T. Henwood**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Board of Directors approves that the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority purchase the Infusion (IV) Pumps following the provincial RFP process, for the price of \$549,577.35 using basic equipment funds.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.10.1.3**

#### **10.2 Audit Committee**

No report. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2022.

#### **10.3 Quality and Patient Safety Committee**

No report. The next Quality and Patient Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2022 in the morning.

#### **10.4 Education, Policy and Planning Committee**

##### **10.4.1 Approved Education, Policy and Planning Minutes**

The approved Education Policy and Planning minutes from October 20, 2022 are included in the Board package for information.

J. Cameron highlighted a few items that were discussed at the November 17, 2022 meeting.

Strategic Planning timelines and who should be invited was discussed. One recommendation was to follow the timeline of the MB Health Strategic Plan submission and the other recommendation was to open the invite up to community members for annual reviews. This will help us to keep connected with our stakeholders and the population that we serve.

AGM location was discussed, and the consensus is to continue to keep the AGM virtual given the many viruses circulating and that we are a vast region. It provides a great way for inclusivity to the people and the stakeholders we serve in our region.

### **10.5 Indigenous Health Advisory Committee**

No report. The next Indigenous Health Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023.

## **11. For Information**

### **11.1 Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation October Executive Summary**

The Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation October 2022 Executive Summary was included in the package for information.

## **12. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 12:30 p.m.  
Selkirk Regional Health Centre – 120 Easton Drive, Selkirk

C. Cole & R. Paulic left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

## **13. In Camera**

In attendance:

M. Polinuk, M. Werbeniuk, J. Cameron, S. Bater, A. Jonasson, P. Wainwright, T. Hagyard-Wiebe, and M. Ellis

**Moved by M. Werbeniuk, seconded by P. Wainwright**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The meeting moved “in-camera” at 1:17 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.13A**

**Moved by M. Werbeniuk, seconded by T. Hagyard-Wiebe**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The meeting moved “out-of-camera” at 2:07 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 07.2022.11.13B**

## **14. Adjournment**

Moved by P. Wainwright, the meeting be adjourned at 2:09 p.m.