



Interlake–Eastern Regional Health Authority

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2024
Selkirk United Church – 202 McLean Ave., Selkirk, MB
Meeting Number 08.2024.01.25

MINUTES

Present: Michele Polinuk; Chair
Murray Werbeniuk
Susan Bater
Judith Cameron (*virtual*)
Lynette McDonald
Steven Brennan
Debbie Fiebelkorn
Penny Anne Wainwright (*virtual*)

Regrets: Cyndi Typliski; Vice-Chair, Tammy Hagyard-Wiebe & Arnthor Jonasson

Absent:

RHA Staff: Marion Ellis, CEO
Lorianne Kowaliszyn, Regional Lead, Corporate Service and Chief Financial Officer
C. Cole, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. Call to Order

M. Polinuk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. Welcome

M. Polinuk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

S. Brennan 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. Adoption of Agenda

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

Moved by D. Fiebelkorn, seconded by M. Werbeniuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.4.0

5. Attendance

M. Polinuk provided roll call.

J. Cameron and P.A. Wainwright joined virtually. C. Typliski, T. Hagyard-Wiebe and A. Jonasson sent regrets. All other Board of Directors attended in person at the Selkirk United Church.

Moved by S. Brennan, seconded by J. Cameron

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors excused C. Typliski, T. Hagyard-Wiebe and A. Jonasson from the meeting. All Board of Directors are in attendance, in person and virtually at the January 25, 2024 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.5.0

6. Adoption of previous minutes (November 23, 2023)

The November 23, 2023 Board of Directors minutes were reviewed.

Moved by L. McDonald, seconded by S. Bater

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes from the November 23, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.6.0

7. Business Arising – None

8. New Business - None

9. Chair's Report

Michele Polinuk provided her Chair's report:

- Toured the west side of the region with M. Ellis, CEO. They were welcomed at the Teulon, Arborg, Ashern and Eriksdale hospitals, however it still felt like we were being intrusive when going through the areas where there are patients that are not well and trying to be cared for. Given this, M. Ellis and C. Cole will continue to include pictures in the CEO report to help the Board visualize any projects or upgrades.

- At the November 30, 2023 Strategic Planning Session with stakeholders, there was approximately 90 participants. We will be collecting the feedback and meeting with the Education, Policy and Planning Committee to review at the February meeting and share with the Board.
- Included in the package was a letter to the editor at the Selkirk Record “A thank you to Selkirk Hospital Staff” from a patient that received care at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.
- A Regional Ethics presentation was originally planned for today’s Board meeting, but due to personal circumstances will try to reschedule for the March Board meeting.
- When Shared Health was first formed, and a new Board appointed, Michele had met with another Board member virtually as they requested policies and procedures to assist them.

Recently the Shared Health’s Board, through Board member David Oakley, requested copies of all our policies and work plans as they are looking to develop their own policies. David is a former IERHA Board member and is proud to indicate the strength of our policies. Their Board committee recruited a community member, Judith Cameron, who has now joined them in an advisory role.

- Lynette McDonald has resigned from the IERHA Board effective after this meeting as she will be starting her new position as Chief Operating Officer, Indigenous, with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority effective Jan. 29th. Lynette started as a Board member in March 2021 and have appreciated her contributions over the past three years. On behalf the Board, Michele wished Lynette all the best and a huge congratulations on her next adventure.

Opportunity for questions was provided.

10. Chief Executive Officer Report

10.1 January 2024 CEO Report to the Board – Executive Summary

The January 2024 CEO Report to the Board was distributed and reviewed for information.

M. Ellis, CEO, provided a high-level executive summary overview to the Board on progress around the current Provincial initiatives; strategic steering committees; health system transformation, clinical preventative services plan; local community engagement and operational table updates; service delivery organization (SDO) performance management provincial dashboard; and operational program update.

Opportunity for questions was provided.

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Finance Committee

11.1.1 Approved Finance Minutes November 16, 2023

The approved Finance Committee minutes from November 16, 2023 are included in the Board package for information.

11.1.2 Finance Presentation

The Financial statements for October and November 2023 were provided in the Finance package. L. Kowaliszyn reviewed in detail the November 30, 2023 the non-consolidated financial statements by expenses by program, expenses by type, forecast to annual budget and the statement of financial position.

Opportunity for questions was provided.

Motion by M. Werbeniuk, seconded by P.A. Wainwright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors accepts the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2023 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.11.1.2

11.1.3 Bank Signing Authority

According to RHA General By-Law No. 1, the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution appoint any Officers to be a signing authority on behalf of the RHA. Currently, the following are included as signing authorities:

Marion Ellis, Chief Executive Officer

Lorianne Kowaliszyn, Regional Lead, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

Rhonda Hogg, Regional Director, Finance

Kate Hodgson, Health Services, Regional Lead, Community and Continuing Care

Propose the following immediate change:

Add: Julene Sawatzky, Regional Lead, Human Resources

Motion by S. Brennan seconded by D. Fiebelkorn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the addition of Julene Sawatzky, Regional Lead, Human Resources to the Interlake-Eastern RHA Bank Signing Authority.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.11.1.3

11.2 Audit Committee

The approved Audit Committee minutes from September 21, 2023 are included in the Board package for information.

11.3 Quality and Patient Safety Committee

The approved Quality and Patient Safety Committee minutes from August 24, 2023 are included in the Board package for information.

11.4 Education, Policy and Planning Committee

11.4.1 Approved Education, Policy and Planning Minutes

The approved Education, Policy and Planning minutes from November 16, 2023 are included in the Board package for information.

J. Cameron provided a verbal report. The Education, Policy and Planning Committee is currently working on a Board Education and Training calendar for the year and will be looking at creating an Ethical framework for the Board.

11.5 Indigenous Health Committee

The approved Indigenous Health Committee minutes from October 19, 2023 are included in the Board package for information.

D. Fiebelkorn provided a verbal report. The Committee continues to look at options to recruit new community members and elders to come provide opening and closing prayer. In addition, the Committee is looking to appoint a new community Co-chair as G. Traverse's two-year appointment has concluded effective this month.

12. For Information - None

13. Next Meeting

- Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
Selkirk United Church – 202 McLean Ave., Selkirk, MB

14. In Camera

L. Kowaliszyn and C. Cole left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

In attendance:

M. Polinuk, M. Werbeniuk, J. Cameron, D. Fiebelkorn, S. Bater, L. McDonald, P.A. Wainwright, S. Brennan and M. Ellis (left at 2:35 p.m.).

Moved by M. Werbeniuk, seconded by L. McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The meeting moved "in camera" at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.14A

Moved by S. Bater, seconded by M. Werbeniuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The meeting moved "out of camera" at 2:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 08.2024.01.14B

15. Adjournment

Moved by L. McDonald, the meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.