



Summary of Board Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2010

Selkirk & District General Hospital Redevelopment

Jim Rodger stated that he had received information that the Capital Submission is still on track for the next step in the government approval process, which is required in order for the project to be able to advance to the detailed architectural design phase.

Eriksdale Capital Project Update Re: Safety & Security Projects

Currently we're in Phase 2 of the 3 phase project. There are 5 beds open and it is anticipated that Phase 2 will be completed in 3 months.

Eriksdale Wellness Centre

We received 6 bids for the Tender and the successful bidder that was selected is within budget and it is expected that we will proceed soon. It is estimated to take 2 months to complete the work and it should be complete mid April.

Northwest District Acute Care Services

Kevin Beresford advised that over the holiday season, both Ashern and Eriksdale Hospitals were kept open and provided services with minimal disruption. While there were added costs associated to maintain services, due to required overtime and agency nursing, it was a success story.

Nursing Resources

As of January 7th, 3 of the 5 nurses that were trained in India arrived in Ashern and it is expected that the other nurses will arrive shortly. The nurses are scheduled to write their Manitoba licensing exam in early February.

Logo Redesign

The logo was officially launched in the region on January 15th and everything went well. The Interlake RHA will be fiscally responsible in rolling this out and will use up existing stationary supplies which feature the previous logo.

Continuing Strategy for H1N1 vaccinations

As the provincial uptake for H1N1 was not very high (approximately 37%), Manitoba Health has been asking regions to think of innovative strategies to increase vaccination rates. Regionally and provincially, there has been relatively small uptake in the 10 to 18 year old age group and our team is reviewing how to target that group. Our team had a meeting this afternoon and decided to pilot a trialed focus to identify and notify those students who did not get immunized in grades 10, 11 and 12 at the Lord Selkirk High School (Selkirk) and then evaluate this. If the increased uptake is substantial there would be further rollout contemplated across the region.

EMS Rate Adjustment Review

Kevin Beresford advised the Board that we are in the process of reviewing the base rates / loaded kilometer rates for EMS and will bring forward a recommendation to the Board. The last time the rates were raised was about 4 years ago. It was noted that as interfaculty transfers costs are now covered for the consumer, and most have insurance, that this rate increase would not have as widespread effect as previous rate increases.

Financial Update

Jim Rodger advised that the Interlake RHA is running a significant deficit (estimated \$2 million projected year end deficit). There are a number of factors that have impacted this, such as consistently high service utilization and acute care occupancy rates, H1N1 Flu campaign, staffing shortages in the northwest district, etc.

Kevin Beresford stated that he, along with senior management have reviewed options and actions and potential strategies dating back to 2001. Senior management continues to investigate and implement measures to contain costs. The Board and senior management will continue to monitor the situation.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee had a conference call on January 19th and the next meeting will be in March and the external auditors will be in attendance. The Audit Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed.

Planning Committee

Dave Cain stated that the committee will be meeting on February 2nd. He advised that the main agenda item will be the Strategic Planning process.

Governance Committee

Review of Board Monitoring Report Schedule

The Governance Committee reviewed the draft Board Education Schedule 2010 and recommended that the Board accept the proposed schedule. Ruby Tretiak asked the Board to consider scheduling a Palliative Care Education session. It was proposed to add this to either February or as an alternate to May. The Board passed a motion to accept the amended Board Education Schedule for 2010.

Regional Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)

Physician Credentialing

The Board approved the recommendation from Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) to approve the following physician privileges:

- **Dr. M. Gerges** - appointed to the Associate Medical Staff of Arborg & District Health Centre in Arborg.
- **Dr. R. Rawoof** - appointed to the Associate Medical Staff of Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern.
- **Dr. N. Governo** - appointed to the Associate Surgical Staff of Selkirk & District General Hospital in Selkirk.

Principles of Repatriation

Agreement was reached with MAC physician representatives on principles of repatriating patients back to Interlake hospitals after being referred into Winnipeg hospitals for services. This will be communicated throughout the region. There have been concerns expressed by the WRHA on the timeliness of repatriations. Due to high occupancy rates in the region, it has become more difficult to quickly receive patients back to the region.

On Call Schedule

Principles for On-Call Schedules have been established and this will be sent out to medical staff within the region.

Riverton EMS Pilot Project

Of the 6 criteria established, 5 were fulfilled; with call volumes being the area that fell short. The Interlake RHA has reached agreement with Manitoba Health to extend the pilot project for 1 more year. Over this period, the Interlake RHA is confident that the call volumes will increase. A meeting will be set up with Riverton representatives, Manitoba Health and the Interlake RHA.

Eriksdale CancerCare Program

There has been discussion with CancerCare regarding the program and development of position description. There will be a social worker, nurse and an executive assistant. It is anticipated that centre will be operational by May. As well, Telehealth will be established in Eriksdale.

First Nations Personal Care Home (PCH) Standards / licensing responsibility

There are six on reserve First Nation PCHs in the province. Of these, there are two in the Interlake: Peguis and Fisher River. These PCHs are slowly moving forward to being licensed under the provincial standards. Funding for the operation of the PCH will be shared between the federal and provincial governments. Kevin Beresford has asked Manitoba Health for a template of the Service Purchase Agreement (SPA) that the province would be proposing. He noted that it looks like Fisher River PCH would be in a position to meet provincial licensing requirements by the end of 2010 and a meeting will be scheduled with Fisher River to discuss roles, expectations and responsibilities.

Gimli Dialysis Unit

Kevin Beresford stated that the project started several weeks ago and we are down 4 beds. The project is expected to take 45 weeks (fall 2010 completion).

Arborg Adult Day (ADP) Program

In a recent meeting with Arborg representatives and our staff it was agreed to reinstate the ADP program. The Interlake RHA is working towards this and a meeting is scheduled tomorrow to meet with Manitoba Housing to try to get back the same space that was previously used.

Arborg EMS Facility

The Interlake RHA has just received a letter from Manitoba Health approving a new 2 bay EMS station for Arborg under the 2009 /2010 Safety & Security Project Approvals.

Selkirk Jaws of Life/ Extrication Equipment

The Interlake RHA transferred the equipment to the Selkirk Fire Department effective December 23, 2009.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in Lundar. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.