

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2021

TIME: 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

LOCATION: Via Webex and Teleconference

Authority Members: Arlene Wiks (Chairperson), Tyler Bragg (Vice-chairperson), Brenda Abrametz, Marilyn Charlton, David Fan, Gillis Lavalley, Rosalena Smith, Dr. Janet Tootoosis, Gary Zazos, Q.C. and Tom Zurowski.

Administrative Staff: Scott Livingstone (Chief Executive Officer), Suann Laurent (Chief Operating Officer), Kim McKechney (Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications), Robbie Peters (Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer), Beth Vachon (Vice President, Quality, Safety & Strategy), Lori Frank (Executive Director, Governance & Policy) and Denni Wood (Board Administrative Assistant) (Recorder).

Guests: Janet Gunderson (Patient Partner), Sarah Fang (Patient & Family Centred Care Specialist), Rod Mackenzie (Executive Director, Provincial Services and Community Care), Evan Ulmer (Director, EMS Provincial) and Andrew Will (Vice President, Infrastructure, Information & Support).

Regrets: Max Hendricks (Deputy Minister of Health) (Ex Officio) and Dr. Susan Shaw (Chief Medical Officer).

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Welcome Guests

- Chairperson, A. Wiks, called the public meeting of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to order at 1:30 pm.
- A. Wiks acknowledged the distance pipe ceremony and prayer held this morning led by Andre Letendre, a Knowledge Keeper with the SHA, as the new Board begins their work. The Board thanked Andre and the entire First Nations and Métis Health team, guided by their Executive Director, Thona Longneck, for leading the SHA in delivering culturally safe and respectful care to our patients and clients in the spirit of reconciliation.

1.2 Introduction of Board Members and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- A. Wiks introduced the Board and CEO.

1.3 Explain Meeting Protocols

- A. Wiks explained the meeting protocols to the members of the public.

2.0 Approval of Agenda and Consent Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda

- The following motion was brought forward:

<p>SHA #12-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by Dr. J. Tootoosis that: the agenda of June 23, 2021 be approved.</p>
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2.2 Approval of Consent Items

- 2.2.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – 24-Feb-21

Committee Reports

- 2.2.2 Audit, Finance & Risk Committee – 19-May-21
- 2.2.3 Quality & Safety Committee – 30-Apr-21
- 2.2.4 Governance & Human Resources Committee – 24-Mar-21
 - The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #13-21 [Carried]. Moved by M. Charlton and seconded by G. Zabos, Q.C. that: the consent items be approved.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

- No conflicts of interest were declared.

4.0 Ethical Decision Making Checklist Reminder

- The Board was reminded of the Ethical Decision Making Checklist.

5.0 Patient Story

- J. Gunderson joined the meeting for item #5.0.
- B. Vachon introduced J. Gunderson who presented her story to the Board.
- The patient story outlined the importance of:
 - Patient oriented research;
 - That Patient Family Partners feel a part of the teams they are working with; and
 - Patients taking part in getting information out to others.
- The Board asked questions and management responded.
- The Board Chairperson thanked Ms. Gunderson for attending the meeting and sharing her story.

6.0 Reaffirmation of the Saskatchewan Health Authority's Truth & Reconciliation Commitment Statement

- A. Wiks provided background information on the initial signing of the Truth & Reconciliation Commitment Statement. She also indicated, in the spirit of reconciliation, that the Board and CEO are reaffirming the SHA's commitment to address the *Calls to Action* #'s 18-24 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission related to healthcare.
- It was noted that the Board Chairperson and CEO, Scott Livingstone, will be signing the Commitment document and it will be posted on the website in the coming days.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #14-21 [Carried]. Moved by G. Lavalley and seconded by R. Smith that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority reaffirm its commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commitment statement.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson, A. Wiks, provided a verbal update.

7.1.1 Committee Membership Approval

- The following motion was brought forward by the Board Chairperson:

SHA #15-21 [Carried]. Moved by B. Abrametz and seconded by T. Zurowski that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the Board Committee membership as outlined:

Audit Finance & Risk Committee

- Tom Zurowski, Chairperson
- Tyler Bragg
- Marilyn Charlton
- David Fan
- Arlene Wiks

Governance & Human Resources Committee

- Marilyn Charlton, Chairperson
- Tyler Bragg
- Gillis Lavalley
- Rosalena Smith
- Arlene Wiks

Quality & Safety Committee

- Brenda Abrametz, Chairperson
- Rosalena Smith
- Dr. Janet Tootoosis
- Gary Zabos, Q.C.
- Arlene Wiks

Board Practitioner Hearing Committee

- Arlene Wiks, Chairperson
- David Fan
- Gillis Lavalley
- Dr. Janet Tootoosis
- Gary Zabos, Q.C.
- Tom Zurowski

Practitioner Liaison Committee

- Arlene Wiks, Co-Chairperson
- Brenda Abrametz
- Gary Zabos, Q.C.

7.2 Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report

- S. Livingstone presented the CEO report which included updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and expressing appreciation for the work of all staff and practitioners.

7.3 Chief Medical Officer's (CMO's) Report

- S. Livingstone presented the CMO's Report on behalf of Dr. S. Shaw. The report included updates on practitioner staff appointments.

8.0 Quality Update

8.1 Key Performance Indicators

- S. Livingstone noted that there was no updates on the Key Performance Indicators due to the focus on COVID-19 pandemic work.

9.0 Strategy Update

- B. Vachon gave an update on strategic planning which included the 2020-21 Recovery Plan and information on the next steps in the planning process.

10.0 Committee and Board Member Reports

10.1 Audit, Finance & Risk Committee (AFRC)

10.1.1 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements

- R. Peters provided an update on the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #16-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by M. Charlton that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the consolidated audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021, subject to approval of the financial statements by Treasury Board and subject to any significant changes that management may bring back to the Committee.

10.1.2 2021-22 Budget Plan and 2021-23 Capital Expenditure Plan

- A. Will joined for item # 10.1.2.
- R. Peters presented the 2021-22 Budget Plan to the Board.
- A. Will presented the 2021-22 Capital Expenditure Plan and 2022-23 notional Capital Expenditure Plan.
- The Board asked questions and management responded.
- The following motions were brought forward:

SHA #17-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by M. Charlton that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the 2021-22 Budget Plan.

SHA #18-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by M. Charlton that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the 2021-22 Capital Expenditure Plan.

SHA #19-21 [Carried]. Moved by M. Charlton and seconded by T. Zurowski that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the 2022-23 notional Capital Expenditure Plan.

10.1.3 EMS Wait Time Rates

- R. Mackenzie and E. Ulmer joined the meeting for item # 10.1.3.
- R. Mackenzie provided background regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) wait time rates in Saskatchewan.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #20-21 [Carried]. Moved by R. Smith and seconded by Dr. J. Tootoosis that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority, in accordance with section 4 of *The Ambulance Regulations*, approve the standardization of provincial resident ground EMS wait-time fees effective August 1, 2021 at \$50 per half hour, to be calculated:

- per half hour; or
 - per portion of a half hour
- with no charge for the first half hour.

10.2 Quality & Safety Committee (QSC)

- B. Abrametz, QSC Chairperson, provided highlights from the April 30, 2021 QSC meeting.

10.3 Governance & Human Resources Committee (GHRC)

10.3.1 2021-22 CEO Accountability Agreement Approval

- M. Charlton brought forward the following motion:

SHA #21-21 [Carried]. Moved by M. Charlton and seconded by G. Zabos, Q.C. that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the 2021-22 CEO Accountability Agreement.

10.3.2 2021-22 Annual Report Approval

- K. McKechny provided an overview on the *2020-21 Saskatchewan Health Authority Annual Report to the Legislature* approval process. He noted it will be made public on July 30, 2021 when it is tabled in the legislature. It was also noted that this year's report is abbreviated compared to previous years but complies with the legislated requirements.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #22-21 [Carried]. Moved by D. Fan and seconded by T. Bragg that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the *2020-21 Saskatchewan Health Authority Annual Report to the Legislature*, pending adjustments from the Minister of Health and non-substantive adjustments to formatting.

11.0 Next Meeting Date

- August 18, 2021

12.0 Motion to Adjourn

SHA #23-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski that: the public meeting of the Saskatchewan Health Authority be adjourned at 2:45 pm.

13.0 Questions from the Public in Attendance

- Members of the public in attendance were news agency reporters.
- Questions were asked and management responded