

Regional Health Authority B Horizon Health Network

Minutes of Meeting

Board of Directors

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on Monday, May 9, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Carleton Civic Centre, Woodstock.

Present: W. David Ferguson, Rod Borden, Karen Branscombe, Richard Breault, Leo Burns, Cathy Carnahan, Harry Doyle, Lise Drisdelle-Cormier, Madeleine Drummie, Larry Hachey, Mavis Hurley, Jean-Eudes Levesque, Donna Mazerolle, Barbara Quigley, Roxanne Sappier, Donald J. Peters, Dr. Tom Barry, Jeff Carter, Michael Chisholm, Jean Daigle, Gary Foley, Geri Geldart, Dr. Edouard Hendriks, Janet Hogan, Dr. John McCann, Dr. James O'Brien, Nancy Roberts, Nancy Savage, Norma MaGee (Recording)

Regrets: Natasha Campbell, Donna Mazerolle, Wayne Roach, Kristen Pinsent-Close, Vicki Squires

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. Executive Director for the Upper River Valley Hospital, Dean Cummings, was introduced.

1. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of April 7, 2011

MOTION:

MOVED BY MS. QUIGLEY, SECONDED BY MS. DRUMMIE

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Presentation – Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation
(complete presentation appended to minute book)

Dr. Rob Leckey, Medical Director, Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation (SCCR), provided an overview of the Centre, New Brunswick's only tertiary neurological rehab site. The Centre has approximately 130 inpatient admissions per year, with 30,000 visits, of which 3,000 are child visits. Dr. Leckey explained that the Centre is located in Fredericton; however, 60% of the clients travel from outside this area. The Centre cares for all tertiary neurological patients in NB, as well as patients from PEI and NS.

When the Centre moved from its location in Forest Hill to its current site in 2006 the hostel, which was an integral part of its program for 10 years and was located adjacent to the former building, was not moveable. The Board of Directors of the former River Valley Health approved a motion in 2007 to construct hostel accommodations on the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation site on Priestman Street, funded through paid parking funds in 2008. Because of the health care restructuring in 2008 this did not occur.

Dr. Leckey provided an outline of the special needs these units have for accommodating such patients that assist with patients' recovery. The units need to be on-site and very close to the SCCR, be able to accommodate the special wheelchairs, patient lifts, and also allow staff to monitor the patients.

In response to a question, Dr. Leckey explained that he has not done a similar presentation to Vitalité Health Network, although there has been communication about the importance of the hostel unit. Currently some patients are using the transitional care units, located at the SCCR, because there is no hostel but these units are a higher level of unit housing.

Dr. Leckey added there was \$90,000 in funding forthcoming from the Real Estate Board of Fredericton for the unit.

3. Committee reports

Board of Directors' Committees

(a) Finance and Audit: Committee Chair, Harry Doyle reported that at the end of eleven months (February 28, 2011), Horizon remains in better financial position than predicted -- the organization is essentially balanced to funding. This balanced position is a slight improvement over the approximate \$1 million shortfall for the same period in the prior fiscal year. The surplus is a significant improvement over the expected deficit for the period approximately \$ 15 million and this can be attributed to the prudent work by all staff in the organization, including the Vice Presidents.

(b) Health Planning and Delivery: Committee chair, Roxanne Sappier, explained that the committee had received information on the Community Needs Assessment for Oromocto and Area at its April meeting, and recommended that the Board endorse the work of the advisory committee. Horizon's role will be in facilitating the partnership development with identified community groups to address the recommendations in the report.

MOTION:

MOVED BY MS. SAPIER, SECONDED BY M. LEVESQUE

**THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR OROMOCTO AND
SURROUNDING AREA AND ENDORSE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE
COMMITTEE'S WORK.**

MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Sappier also explained that information received shows the numbers of ALC patients occupying acute care beds in Horizon at 25%, with the largest percentage at Miramichi Regional Hospital (37.6%).

Board of Directors' Advisory Committees

(c) Regional Medical Advisory: Dr. Barry reported from the April meeting of the Regional Medical Advisory Committee. Items discussed were in relation to cost saving measures and suggestions that were requested from the Department of Health and the Minister of Finance. The Committee has also discussed a regional Do not Resuscitate Policy, and reviewed correspondence from the Minister of Health regarding physician recruitment incentives. Dr. Hendriks added that the incentive program has now been reinstated, but details are not known. Newly recruited physicians are required to complete a Physician Impact Analysis.

4. For information

(a) Corporate Summary: an overview of current activities in Horizon Health Network was provided.

5. Other business

Nil

6. Questions from the public

Nil

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Ms. Hurley at approximately 6:55 p.m.