

**SIOUX LOOKOUT MENO-YA-WIN HEALTH CENTRE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009
BREAKFAST ROOM, SUNSET SUITES**

Present: Mr. K. Koivukoski, Co-Chairs, Mr. J. Brohm, Mr. J. Fiddler, Ms. M. Hoey, Mr. T. Jewell, Mr. J. Kakegamic, Mr. K. McGill, Dr. T. O'Driscoll, Dr. B. Russell-Mahoney, Mr. R. Walker, Mr. D. Semple, Ms. B. Linkewich, Mr. D. Moynihan, Ms. H. Cromarty, Ms. R. Southwind, Ms. R. Demetzer (Recorder)

Absent: Mr. Frank Beardy, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. John Cutfeet, Ms. S. Maxwell, Chief J. Meekis, Mr. M. Ningewance, Ms. D. Roundhead, Mr. R. Spence, Mr. L. Tait,

The opening prayer was given by Mr. J. Fiddler.

1. AGENDA

The agenda had been distributed and was reviewed. The order of items was rearranged.

MOTION #039/09

Moved by Mr. J. Brohm that the board of directors approve the agenda for the October 27, 2009 regular meeting as amended. Seconded by Ms. M. Hoey. **CARRIED**

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 CEO Succession Plan

- The search for a new CEO continues. Summaries are provided every week by People First, the search firm assisting us. These will be passed on to board members so that they are aware of what is taking place.
- The search committee has met a number of times and have also done work to secure an interim CEO.
- At this time, the staff were asked to leave the room for the board members to have a discussion.

MOTION #040/09

Moved by Ms. M. Hoey that the board of directors appoint Mr. Douglas Semple as the interim chief executive officer of the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre until such time as a permanent replacement for Mr. Walker has been hired and is in place. Seconded by Mr. J. Brohm. **CARRIED**

MOTION #041/09

Moved by Ms. M. Hoey that the board of directors grant Mr. Douglas Semple, as interim chief executive officer, all of the rights and signing authorities as stated in the bylaws, and policies, of the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre. Seconded by Mr. J. Brohm. **CARRIED**

- Mr. Semple thanked the board for their support. He stated he was honoured to undertake the challenge and would provide the best care and consideration to the patients we serve.
- Mr. Koivukoski took the opportunity to thank the senior management staff for their support. The next six months will be a challenge.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held September 3, 2009

- The minutes had been distributed and were reviewed for errors and omissions.

MOTION #042/09

Moved by Mr. J. Brohm that the board of directors approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 3, 2009 as distributed. Seconded by Ms. M. Hoey.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising

3.2.1 Newborn Apprehensions

- Dr. O'Driscoll advised there had not been any newborn apprehensions of babies with mothers that were drug abusers in Sioux Lookout. She also did not know of any cases of mothers coming to Sioux Lookout from Thunder Bay or Winnipeg to avoid that possibility. She said she would speak with Mr. Ningewance further about the issue.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Resource Utilization Committee

- Minutes of the September 30th meeting had been distributed. There were no questions.
- There was one recommendation to specify the departmental team lead on the spending matrix.

MOTION #043/09

Moved by Mr. K. McGill that the board of directors approve a revised spending matrix adjusting the spending authority of the operating room team lead to \$3,000.00 per item.

Seconded by Mr. J. Fiddler. **CARRIED**

4.2 Report of the Chair

4.2.1 Appointment to Executive Committee

- Mr. Koivukoski stated that there have been concerns, lately, regarding the co-chairs health and his ability to travel to meetings. Further to that, the executive committee would like to expand its membership.

MOTION #044/09

Moved by Mr. K. Koivukoski that the board of directors appoint Ms. Sadie Maxwell to sit on the executive committee of the board as a First Nations representative.

Seconded by Mr. T. Jewell. **CARRIED**

4.2.2 Co-ordination at OHA Health Achieve Convention

- There are 10 people attending the conference. It makes sense to ensure as much ground is covered as possible.
- Mr. Moynihan has volunteered to co-ordinate schedules and attendance at sessions.

4.3 Patient Services Committee

4.3.1 NWLHIN Regional Emergency Department Study

- The LHIN has just released the report on a study done in March. A quick review has been done of the executive summary. A further review will be done by the medical advisory committee.

4.3.2 Elder Care Continuum Environmental Scan

- We received funding this year from the Ministry's Aboriginal Health Transition Fund to do an environmental scan of services for elders in Sioux Lookout and the northern communities.
- A presentation was made yesterday to the committee, however, it is necessary for this same presentation to be made to the board. That will take place at the next board meeting. The report will be available electronically for any board member who wishes it.

MOTION #045/09

Moved by Mr. J. Kakegamic that the board of directors accept the elder environmental scan in the Sioux Lookout Zone First Nations which was prepared for the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre and presented to the patient services committee on October 26, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. T. Jewell. **CARRIED**

4.4 Facility Committee

4.4.1 Update from Meeting Held October 26, 2009

- A board discussion on the role of the committee will be deferred until the December or January meeting.
- The capital project is on time and on budget.
- A large crane was moved onto the site last week to be able to put the several boilers and air handling units onto the roof. Maintenance staff will need to be trained on all the new equipment.
- In the next couple of months the building will be totally enclosed.
- In the next year the new programs need to be put in place and staff hired and trained.

4.4.2 Land for an Ambulance Garage at the New Site

- The Kenora District Services Board has asked the health centre to provide it with land to build a new ambulance garage at the site of the new hospital.
- We have agreed to provide the land in return for future services, i.e. the transfer of the patients from the Fifth and Seventh Avenue sites to the new hospital.
- The KDSB will cover all the costs of the transfer and they will be asked to pay their portion of costs for maintaining the roads, etc. as a tenant would.

MOTION #046/09

Moved by Mr. J. Kakegamic that the board of directors approve the transfer of the property described as Part 1 of GTP Block 10 and Part of Block 20 Registered Plan 23M-852, Municipality of Sioux Lookout, District of Kenora, for the construction of an ambulance building. All costs related to the transfer will be borne by the Kenora District Services Board. Seconded by Mr. K. McGill. **CARRIED**

4.3 Communications Committee

- Ms. Hoey provided an update. The committee is moving diligently toward completion of its strategy.
- The web site launch will take place next month.
- A radio show will be done prior to Christmas.

4.4 Foundation Report

- Ms. Hoey advised that the foundation has hired a consultant to assist with the Opening the Doors Campaign to raise \$1.5 million. It will be a lot of work.
- Former residents of Sioux Lookout have committed to raise funds for the hospital.

4.5 Report from the Elders Council

- A council meeting took place September 28 and 29. The meeting was timed to coincide with the announcement of funding for the interpreter training program to be provided by Confederation College. The first intake for the program will be January 2010 with a graduation in 2011. the curriculum will be developed in the next couple of months.
- The elders feel the new moms are being released from the obstetrical ward too soon after giving birth. Dr. O'Driscoll said she agreed, however, the moms are not interested in staying longer than they have to after waiting at the hostel for up to a month prior to giving birth.

4.6 CEO Report

- Mr. Walker advised that Debra Matthews has replaced David Caplan as the Minister of Health and Long Term Care.
- Mr. Walker was invited to Kenora last Friday to provide information on our process for receiving approval for a new hospital in Sioux Lookout. They were holding a retreat and focus session on this issue.
- The health centre has been chosen by the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund (AHTF) to be part of their evaluation process for the program. They will use the lexicon project. This will help them make their decision as to whether Health Canada continues with the program and whether they continue to offer it nationally.
- We are very excited about our partnership in the medical interpreter program with Confederation College and SLAAMB. There will be up to 20 people certified at the end of the program. We will be able to sell these services to other hospitals in the region.
- The OHAs Aboriginal Health Conference was held last month in Thunder Bay. Mr. Walker, Mr. McGill and Ms. Cromarty assisted in developing the agenda and the content of the program. It was well attended.

4.7 Report from the Chief of Staff

4.7.1 H1N1

- Dr. O'Driscoll advised that the H1N1 flu pandemic is in progress in Sioux Lookout. There is a 17 – 20 percent absenteeism rate in the schools.
- A space is being set aside at the Fifth Avenue site for people with influenza like illness to be seen rather than them going to the emergency room. This may minimize the spread of the virus. The FNFPHS clinic will be used for this and prenatal patients will be seen on the third floor.
- The vaccine was received today and high risk people recommended to receive it right away will do so.

- Mr. Semple will go on the radio today to advise people on what to do to stay healthy and to get their flu shots.
- The primary responsibility of the health centre is to let the public know there are restrictions in place at the health centre.

4.7.2 Medical Advisory Committee Minutes of September 21, 2009

4.7.2.1 Physician Privileges

MOTION #047/09

Moved by Mr. J. Fiddler that the board of directors grant privileges as follows:

Dr. L. Bell, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery;
Dr. A. Cheung, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery;
Dr. F. Dossa, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery;
Dr. J. Hildes, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery;
Dr. A. Laughton, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery;
Dr. E. Orpana, locum tenens in dental surgery;
Dr. A. Schraeder, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery,
August 31 – September 30, 2009;
Dr. D. Tilbrook, locum tenens in family medicine and minor surgery.
Seconded by Mr. T. Jewell **CARRIED**

4.7.2.2 Registered Nurse (Extended Class) Scope of Practice

- This is not an issue the board needs to deal with, but Dr. O'Driscoll wanted the board to be aware that the medical advisory committee has recommended a medical directive regarding the nurse practitioner working within her full scope of practice within the hospital. She will not be able to admit patients, but she can place orders for tests.

4.7.2.3 NWLHIN Emergency Department Study

- We have received the report on the study done by the LHIN in the spring of this year. Dr. O'Driscoll said she would like to hear from board members about this report. A copy can be obtained from Ms. Demetzer.

4.7.2.4 Physician Negotiations

- Dr. O'Driscoll advised that a number of meetings have been held and they physicians have a reasonable outline of how they'll be paid. There will be an open ended budget for physicians. It is important to note that the offer to physicians has been very generous in terms of funding. It will be highly attractive, financially, for physicians to come to Sioux Lookout to work.
- Two governance models for the physicians have been proposed. One is complex and forms a committee to which the hospital would delegate power and trust that our interests would be served. This committee would be under the auspices of the health authority and would satisfy the requirements of the chiefs.
- The other, simpler, model, proposed by the Ministry of Health, proposes a new governance structure involving one-third representation each physicians, health authority and hospital.
- Dr. O'Driscoll advises that either model is reasonable for the hospital to work with, however, she believes the hospital and health authority boards should meet to discuss the two models prior to making a decision as both models have us working very closely with the health authority.
- A meeting will be arranged between the hospital and the health authority.

- Dr. Russell-Mahoney expressed an interest in attending that meeting as the president of the medical staff.

4.8 Health Services Report/Corporate Services Report

4.8.1 Health Services Report

- Ms. Linkewich advised that a new system is being implemented by the Ministry of Health on B Ward and at the extended care to capture the functions and needs of patients.
- Ms. Linkewich has met with TBRHSC regarding the medical interpreter program. They are very interested in purchasing services.
- Ms. Linkewich made a presentation to the Ministry's Aboriginal Health Transition Fund on the three projects they funded for us. They were very pleased with our studies, especially the elder continuum of care environmental scan.
- Ms. Linkewich wanted to note that Emily Gregg was named NAN elder of the year at their Keewaywin gathering.
- Ms. Linkewich is extremely proud that their paediatric wait time strategy project is ready for distribution. We have partnered with NAN on this project, so that it will get wider distribution than it normally would.

4.8.2 Corporate Services Report

- Mr. Moynihan's report was distributed. Community Counselling and Addictions Services numbers have increased greatly this year, due, partially, to the fact that they are now doing much more group counselling.

5. PATIENT ISSUES

- No issues were reported.

6. ROUND TABLE

- No items.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

8. EVALUATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. J. Kakegamic gave the closing prayer.

MOTION #048/09

Moved by Mr. J. Fiddler that there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 1258 hrs. Seconded by Mr. T. Jewell.
CARRIED