



PEACE RIVER
REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: October 28, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: Buick Creek School Gymnasium, Buick, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hiebert
Director Caton
Director Hadland
Director Lantz
Director Clark
Director Saugstad
Director Ackerman
Director Jarvis

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Johnson
Alternate Director Schembri

Absent
Director Anderson
Director White
Director Bernier

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services
Fran Haughian, Community Services Coordinator
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary - Legislative Services

HD-1 Northern Health

Betty Morris, COO, North East Health Services Delivery Area
Jim Campbell, Executive Lead, Mental Health & Addictions
Tracy McLellan, NE Area Director, Mental Health & Addictions

Others

Dale Hadland, Baldonnel
John Bueckert, Buick
Kelly Lapointe, Alaska Highway News
Miro Fibich, Buick
Helen Bumstead, Dawson Creek

1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda RHD/10/10/01 (28)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Peace River Regional Hospital District agenda for the October 28, 2010
meeting be adopted:
1. Call to Order
 2. Directors' Notice of New Business
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Minutes
 - HM -1 Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2010.
 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 6. Delegations
 - HD-1 Northern Health
 - Betty Morris, COO, Northeast Health Services Delivery Area
 - Jim Campbell, Executive Lead, Mental Health & Addictions
 - Tracy McLellan, NE Area Director, MH&H
 - Re: Mental Health & Addictions Services
 7. Petitions
 8. Correspondence
 9. Reports
 - HR-1 October 20, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - Fort St. John Hospital Project Steering Committee Update.
 - HR-2 October 21, 2010 - Kim Frech, CFO - Joint Northern RHD Fall Meeting - Capital Plan.
 10. By-laws
 11. Diary
 - Regional Hospital Diary
 12. New Business
 13. Consent Calendar
 14. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):
 15. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)
 16. Adjournment

CARRIED

MINUTES:

- 3) HM-1 RHD/10/10/02 (28)
Regional Hospital MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Caton,
District Meeting that the Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2010 be adopted.
Minutes of CARRIED
October 28, 2010

BUSINESS ARISING:

None

REPORTS:

4) HR-2
October 21, 2010
Kim Frech, CFO
- Joint Northern RHD
Fall Meeting - Capital
Plan

RHD/10/10/03 (28)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that staff be requested to obtain further information pertaining to Northern Health's
projected estimates for the cost of replacing the boilers at the Dawson Creek
hospital.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

5) HD -1
Northern Health
Betty Morris, COO,
NEHSDA
Jim Campbell,
Executive Lead,
MH&A
Tracy McLellan, NE
Area Director,
MH&A

The Chair welcomed Betty Morris, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Health Services Delivery Area, Northern Health. Ms. Morris introduced Jim Campbell, Executive Lead, and Tracy McLellan, NE Area Director, of Mental Health and Addictions services who were in the meeting to provide an overview of the recently restructured model of service delivery throughout Northern Health, as well as of the services that are provided and accessed regionally.

Mental health services in the north are now delivered through an interdisciplinary team approach where a wide range of service professionals become involved when required. Statistics reveal that twenty-five percent of the population will have a mental health issue in their life, when you add substance abuse, the percentage rises. Many people receive support from family doctors, community services or peers and often are referred for more highly specialized services where the full scope of treatment is delivered through a life span approach.

Director Jarvis arrived in the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Campbell outlined the new Prince George based organizational structure and listed the facilities and programs they are involved in throughout the northeast.

The detailed power point presentation is available for viewing within the October 28, 2010 Regional Board agenda on the Peace River Regional District's website. www.prrd.bc.ca

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- access to geriatric care beds in Smithers and Fort St. John is done on a regional basis;
- the varied length of stays at adult medical detox units and youth treatment programs
- the new, but twice as long, day treatment programs with open intake dates suit clients better than the previous 20 or 30 day closed programs;
- Dawson Creek Inpatient Unit, built in 1996 is one of Northern Health's best facilities, it includes a craft room, gym, workshop and outdoor space;
- increasing linkages with community services and First Nations;
- Northeast staffing includes the equivalent of 57 FTE positions.

In closing Mr. Campbell was pleased to report that this is the only health authority that has integrated mental health and addictions services under one efficient model.

DIARY

6) Item #2
Shortage of Nurses

In response to the Board's request for an update on the shortage of medical staff in the region, Betty Morris, COO Northeast Health Services Delivery Area provided an up-to-date list of vacancies for licensed positions through out the region. Overall, out of 1613 positions in the northeast, 26 vacancies is less than a 2 percent vacancy rate.

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- the postings / applications are done through the Prince George office, the interview process is done locally;
- Northern Health's recruiter spent quite a bit of time in the northeast, community approach is valued;
- the vacancy list does not include physician vacancies;
- itinerate physicians from the south come north to work temporarily on a regular basis;
- the northwest only has fly in psychiatrists; and
- UNBC Medical School is helping with the shortages.

RHD/10/10/04 (28)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Clark, that the handout October 2, 2010 list of professional licensed vacancies in the Northeast Health Delivery Area be received.

CARRIED

7) Item #3
"Lets Talk About Addictions and Mental Health"

RHD/10/10/05 (28)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Caton, that Diary item #3 regarding "Lets Talk About Addictions and Mental Health" be removed from the Diary.

CARRIED

8) Item #4
"Cancer Care in Northern BC"

RHD/10/10/06 (28)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that Diary item #4 regarding "Cancer Care in Northern BC" be removed from the Diary.

CARRIED

9) Adjournment

RHD/10/10/07 (28)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Sheila DeCosta, Recording Secretary

Karen Goodings, Chair

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional Hospital District from a meeting held on October 28, 2010 in the Buick Creek School Gymnasium, Buick, B.C.

Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer