

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MARCH 25, 2010

The Alberta Health Services Board met on March 25, 2010 at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge. The following is an account of the motions that were passed at the meeting. A summary is released following each Board meeting and posted on the AHS external and internal websites. The meeting can also be viewed in its entirety from a link on the www.albertahealthservices.ca website. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Office at ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca or at 1-866-943-1120.

MAIN ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Selection of Employee Benefit Insurance Providers

As part of Alberta Health Services' Total Compensation Project, Towers Watson was contracted to review and recommend changes that support AHS' Human Resources objectives. One component of the Total Compensation program was the creation of an Exempt Staff Flexible Benefits Program. The review supported the need to consolidate the many differing legacy regional benefits plans and associated insurance carriers. As a result, a project charter was completed, a steering committee was formed and Contracting, Procurement and Supply Management was engaged to initiate an Employee Benefit Request for Proposal.

An evaluation team reviewed all aspects of each proposal and an overall cost summary was completed based on all of the financial components impacting each benefit plan. Interviews with the highest ranking vendors were performed to provide the evaluation committee with an opportunity to seek additional clarity on bids.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the recommended selection of employee benefit insurance providers and delegates to the President and Chief Executive Officer the ability to execute contracts with the preferred providers.

Red Deer Hospital Additional Parking Options

There is a shortage of parking for staff and visitors at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. The Red Deer Regional Hospital's long term service role will be reviewed over the next year as part of the regional hospitals acute care strategic plan, which will allow AHS to determine ongoing parking needs.

Once the Red Deer long term care site development plan and parking needs have been confirmed, AHS will initiate planning for a long term parking expansion, likely by way of a suitably sized and located parkade structure.

In the meantime, the Alberta Health Services Board agreed to request Ministerial approval to lease 1.9 acres of land, at 4320 – 52 Avenue in Red Deer, for a five year term with a five year

extension option, for use as a 200 stall staff parking lot at annual cost of \$360,000/annum and a capital cost up to a maximum of \$517,000 funded from internal capital.

Continuing Care Strategic Plan

As part of the Alberta Health Services Health Plan, AHS has developed the “Progressing the Continuing Care Strategy: The Right Care in the Right Place,” which outlines the long term continuing care strategy.

The high level pillars of this strategy include:

- Meeting the demand of an aging population: AHS will increase the number of continuing care spaces in a manner that meets the growing needs of an aging population
- Standardized assessments to ensure that seniors get the right care: AHS will increase the number of supportive living spaces and ensure all services are consistently matched with client need through standardized assessments.
- Supporting independence through choice of options for care: home care will become the hub of seniors’ care within a case management model to strengthen integration and assist clients to navigate the complex health system.
- Assuring quality of care: AHS will introduce mechanisms to ensure quality care is developed.
- Equitable Funding to Providers: AHS will provide equitable funding to providers based on patient need.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the document “Progressing the Continuing Care Strategy: The Right Care in the Right Place”. The strategy will be reviewed by Alberta Health and Wellness and released at a later date.

Manning Land Sale

The Town of Manning wishes to acquire approximately three acres of the Manning Health Centre site for the construction of a new fire hall to serve the Town and Municipal District, and also to accommodate a proposed RCMP detachment. The Town proposes to trade ownership of the 2,300 square foot ambulance building to AHS in exchange for the three acre site. The Town of Manning built the ambulance building on property now owned by Alberta Health Services in 2003 at a total cost of \$160K. The building is in good condition.

The proposal has been reviewed by Alberta Health Services Capital Management planning and real estate staff, in consultation with the North Zone clinical and management staff. This review indicates that the proposed transfer of a portion of the site would not adversely impact future facility growth or health services operations in the area.

AHS is finalizing a property exchange agreement with the Town of Manning.

The Alberta Health Services Board agreed to request Ministerial approval to enter into a conditional land sale agreement with the Town of Manning to transfer approximately three acres of surplus land to the Town in exchange for the Town transferring ownership of the Manning Emergency Medical Services Building to Alberta Health Services, subject to the following principles:

- The transaction must be at or greater than the appraised market value of the land;
- That the land sale agreement includes measures to mitigate any risk of incompatible future development adjacent to the health centre; and
- All costs of transfer, including subdividing and rezoning the surplus site, are to be paid by the Town.

Chinook Regional Hospital Parking Structure

The Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge has a long-standing parking issue at the site. With recent approval from Alberta Health and Wellness allowing Alberta Health Services to borrow funds for the construction of various parking structures throughout the province, parkade construction work can now commence in Lethbridge. With Board approval, it is believed that parkade construction will start this summer and be open for service by late 2011.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved construction of a 773-stall, above-ground, multi-story parking structure (including elevated helipad) at the Chinook Regional Hospital with an estimated total project cost of \$30 million to be financed by borrowed funds.

Appointments of Trustees to Individual Foundations/ Health Trusts

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointment of the Trustees to the Foundations as outlined in the schedule below:

Trust	Name	Role	Period of Appointment
Cardston and District Health Foundation	Noel Burt	Trustee	Three-Year Term (December 2012)
Cardston and District Health Foundation	Cheryl McCarthy	Trustee	Three-Year Term (December 2012)
Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation	Diane Nummi	Trustee	Three Year term (December 2012)
Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation	Susan Koots	Trustee	Three Year term (December 2012)
Jasper Healthcare Foundation	Kelly Bruni-Bossio	Trustee (reappointment)	Two Year term (December 2011)
Jasper Healthcare Foundation	Olga Dowling	Trustee (reappointment)	Two Year term (December 2011)
Jasper Healthcare Foundation	Janis Marks	Trustee (reappointment)	Two Year term (December 2011)

Jasper Healthcare Foundation	Bryn Thomas	Trustee (reappointment)	Two Year term (December 2011)
Northwest Health Foundation	Calvin Coleman	Trustee	Three Year Term (March 2013)
Northwest Health Foundation	Helen Dyck	Trustee	Three Year Term (March 2013)
Northwest Health Foundation	Richard Nahas	Trustee	Three Year Term (March 2013)
Northwest Health Foundation	Audrey Saxton	Trustee	Three Year Term (March 2013)
Stettler Health Services Foundation	Murray Wahlund	Trustee	Three Year term (December 2012)
Windy Slopes Health Foundation	Jordon Koch	Trustee (Non Voting)	Three Year term (December 2012)
Windy Slopes Health Foundation	Dr. Gavin Parker	Trustee	Three Year term (December 2012)
Windy Slopes Health Foundation	Lori Robertson	Trustee	Three Year term (December 2012)

OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES IN LETHBRIDGE

In addition to the public meeting, the Board met as a Committee of the Whole; held a reception with Health Advisory Councils 11 and 12; and toured St. Therese Villa, a Covenant Health seniors' care facility.

The next Public Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in Grande Prairie on April 29, 2010. Please check the Alberta Health Services website for further information.