

## **SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 26, 2010**

The Alberta Health Services Board (Board) met on August 26, 2010 at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital in Medicine Hat. The following is an account of the resolutions approved at the meeting. A Summary is released following each Board meeting and posted on the Alberta Health Services (AHS) website. The meeting can also be viewed in its entirety from a link at [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca). If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Board Office at [ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca).

### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

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#### **1. First Quarter Financial Reports**

The Board reviewed and approved the first quarter financial reports for 2010/2011.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved the Quarterly Financial Statements, for the quarter ended June 30, 2010, and authorized and directed management of Alberta Health Services to publicly publish this report.**

> [News Release](#) (August 26, 2010)

#### **2. General Bylaws – Review and Revisions**

The bylaws of an organization are a fundamental governance document which set out the form, manner or procedure in which an organization should be run. The current “Alberta Health Services Board General Bylaws” have been updated as a result of the organization’s evolution and changes to various aspects of AHS governance. These Bylaws will come into effect upon approval by the Minister of Health and Wellness and will be posted at that time.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved the revised General Bylaws.**

### 3. Conflict of Interest Bylaw – Revised Declaration Form

It is recommended that the Conflict of Interest Declaration Form be revised and made available to AHS staff in order to streamline the handling of any potential, perceived or real conflicts of interest that arise under the Conflict of Interest Bylaw at AHS.

The Board considered the revised Declaration Form and approved its content while requesting management review some administrative components of the Declaration Form and make it public once these considerations have been made.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved the revised Conflict of Interest Bylaw Declaration Form, with such changes that management considers necessary and advisable.**

### 4. Communications Policy

In April 2010, the AHS Board reviewed a proposed new Communications Policy to ensure staff and physicians could publicly comment in both their official capacity as AHS administrators and leaders, and when speaking as patient advocates. The proposed policy was circulated to staff and physicians for comment, and the updated policy was developed to provide a framework for open transparent communication and patient advocacy.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved the Alberta Health Services Communications Policy.**

> [Communications Policy](#)

### 5. Calgary Health Trust Board Appointments

The Alberta Health Services Board is responsible for appointing Board Members for all Foundations established under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*. The Board considered the following individuals for appointment to the Board of the Calgary Health Trust and approved their appointments for an additional three-year term. The Board also thanked them for their considerable contribution to healthcare.

**The Alberta Health Services Board ratified the prior initial appointments of the following eight individuals, as of the date read after their respective names and to appoint these individuals as trustees of the Calgary Health Trust for a three year term, with effect from August 26, 2010 and expiring on August 25, 2013:**

**Mr. Carlo Bellusci – April 12, 2006**

**Dr. T. Chen Fong – March 1, 2004**

**Mr. Kevin Gregor – April 1, 2001**

**Mr. Tim Hamilton – November 1, 2001**

**Mr. Bobby Libin – November 1, 2005**  
**Ms. Cynthia Moore – April 12, 2000**  
**Mr. Sherrold Moore – April 24, 2002**  
**Mr. Peter Valentine – October 20, 2005**

**And also appointed Ms. Brenda Huband as a trustee of the Calgary Health Trust, without voting rights, for a three-year term, with effect from August 27, 2010 and expiring on August 25, 2013.**

**6. Viking Health Foundation Appointment**

The Alberta Health Services Board is responsible for appointing Board Members for all Foundations established under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*. The Board considered Mr. George Roddick for appointment to the Board of the Viking and District Health Foundation and approved the appointment for an additional three-year term. The Board thanked Mr. Roddick for his considerable contribution to healthcare.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointment of Mr. George Roddick as a trustee to the Viking and District Health Foundation with effect from June 29, 2010, for approximately a three term expiring on June 30, 2013.**

**7. EMS Request for Armorial Bearings**

In summer 2009, an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) branding committee was established to provide recommendations on uniforms, vehicles and crests. The effort resulted in this design of an EMS crest and it was recommended that the Governor General be petitioned, through the Canadian Heraldic Authority, for a grant of armorial bearings in relation to the EMS crest.

**The Alberta Health Services Board approved a motion to petition the Chief Herald of Canada for a grant of armorial bearings from the Canadian Crown under the powers exercised by the Governor General of Canada for the Emergency Medical Services crest as shown.**



#### **OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES IN THE MEDICINE HAT AREA**

In addition to the public meeting, the Board met as a Committee of the Whole at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital and toured the Hospital.

The next public Board meeting is scheduled to be held in Lethbridge on October 15, 2010. Please check the Alberta Health Services website for further information.