

SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – March 14, 2013

The Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board met on March 14, 2013 at the Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge. The following is an account of the resolutions approved at the meeting. A Summary is released following each Board meeting and posted on the AHS website. The meeting can also be viewed in its entirety from a link at www.albertahealthservices.ca. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Board Office at ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. [QS13-13] AHS Performance Report: Q3, 2012/2013
2. [AFC13-18] Third Quarter Financial Report 2012/2013
3. [AFC13-20] Third Quarter Investment Report 2012/2013
4. [HAC13-01] Health Advisory Council Member Appointments
5. [HAC13-02] Appointment of Trustees to Health Foundations
6. [HAC13-03] Calgary Health Trust Amended Foundation Bylaws
7. [GOV13-03] Terms of Reference – Strategy, Innovation, Research and Knowledge Committee

1. [QS13-13] AHS Performance Report: Q3, 2012/2013

The Third Quarter Performance Report for 2012-2013 highlights that the majority of performance measures continue to show improvement, with some measures showing significant improvement. Looking at indicators year over year, 62 percent of measures show improvement and, of those, 40 percent have shown improvement of more than five per cent. Highlights of the report include an increased volume of hip and knee surgeries with wait times decreasing and a 21 percent improvement in wait times for cataract surgeries. The report also indicates that Alberta continues to be among the top performers in the country in several areas, including breast and colon cancer screening rates, senior’s influenza immunization, radiation therapy wait times, community mental health treatment for children, and admissions to ambulatory care for health conditions like diabetes and epilepsy.

Since April 2012, AHS has opened 512 new continuing care beds, as part of an overall goal to open 5,300 new beds by 2015, and wait times for continuing care placement show steady improvement. In areas where we are not yet reaching our targets, we are taking action to ensure improvement, such as adding additional surgeries and offering new referral programs. More than 50 performance measures are tracked and more are added as needed.

Overall, the Board is satisfied with the performance and progress as described in this report.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”):

- (a) approved the “Alberta Health Services Third Quarter Performance Report 2012/2013” in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable; and

- (b) authorized and directed management of AHS to deliver this report to the Minister of Health, and thereafter to make this report available to the public through the AHS website.

➤ [Link to AHS Performance Report: Q3, 2012/2013](#)

2. [AFC13-18] Third Quarter Financial Report 2012/2013

AHS' Third Quarter Financial Statements are published under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards that were effective April 1, 2012. Third quarter total revenues were at \$9.250 billion and total expenses were \$9.206 billion, resulting in an operating surplus of \$44 million. The third quarter results indicate an accumulated surplus of \$75 million. Funding continues to be directed towards health priorities that matter to Albertans, and that are consistent with Alberta's strategic health plan. This includes community-based care, senior's health and continuing care options, reducing wait times for hip and knee replacements, cardiac care, and other highly specialized provincial services, and quality health initiatives including, action taken in response to recommendations from the Health Quality Council of Alberta.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services ("AHS"):

- (a) approved the Quarterly Financial Report to Alberta Health for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 (the "Q3 Financial Report") in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable; and
- (b) approved the Quarterly Financial Statements for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 (the "Q3 Financial Statements") in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable; and
- (c) authorized and directed management of AHS to make the Q3 Financial Statements available to the public through the AHS website.

➤ [Link to Third Quarter Financial Report 2012/2013](#)

3. [AFC13-20] Third Quarter Investment Report 2012/2013

The Third Quarter Investment Report 2012/2013 was prepared by Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management Ltd. and Standard Life Canada. The Third Quarter Investment Report details all investment transactions for AHS for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2012.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services ("AHS") ratified the investment transactions described below, as reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, made on behalf of AHS by Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management Ltd. ("PH&N") and Standard Life Canada ("Standard Life") as follows:

- (a) as at December 31, 2012, Alberta Health Services held restricted and unrestricted funds managed by Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management Ltd. and Standard Life Canada totaling \$1.370 billion;
- (b) the funds were invested in short term treasury bills, federal, provincial and corporate fixed income bonds, pooled mortgage funds, bond funds and equity funds; and
- (c) all of the funds invested during the quarter ended December 31, 2012, were invested in accordance with the Investment Bylaw and Investment Policy.

4. **[HAC13-01] Health Advisory Council Member Appointments**

There are 12 Health Advisory Councils in Alberta, established in 2009 under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*. Councils work to engage Albertans living in communities throughout the province in dialogue about local health services, and provide feedback gathered about what is working well and suggest areas for improvement to AHS.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) appointed or re-appointed, as applicable, the following individuals as members to the Health Advisory Councils indicated for a term of three years, effective March 14, 2013:

Health Advisory Council	Location	Candidate
Peace	Sexsmith	Lucille Partington
Yellowhead East	Camrose	Patricia Johnson

5. **[HAC13-02] Appointment of Trustees to Health Foundations**

Appointments of trustees are made to Foundations and Health Trusts that fall under the *Regional Health Authorities Act* based on recommendations made to the AHS Board.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) appointed or re-appointed, as applicable, the following individuals as trustees to the foundations indicated in the table below, for the term specified below, effective March 14, 2013:

Foundation	Name	Term (Years)
Cardston & District Health Foundation	Mr. Darren Tanner	3
Fort Macleod & District Health Foundation	Ms. Susan Koots	3
North County Health Foundation	Ms. Cheryl Leclair	3
	Mr. Mike Smesman	3
	Ms. Loretta Sorensen	2
Vulcan County Health & Wellness Foundation	Mr. Glen Hutton	2
	Ms. Susan Kuhn	2
	Ms. Linda Cloutier	2
Windy Slopes Health Foundation	Mr. Jeffrey Boese	2
	Mr. Dennis Robin	3

6. **[HAC13-03] Calgary Health Trust Amended Foundation Bylaws**

The Calgary Health Trust is one of AHS’ valued Foundation partners and is an established Foundation under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*, under which AHS is required to review and approve amendments to the Foundation’s bylaws, following approval by the Calgary Health Trust Board.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”):

- (a) approved the amended bylaws for the Calgary Health Trust (the “Amended Bylaws”) in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable, and subject to approval by the Minister of Health; and**
- (b) authorized and directed management of AHS to request that the Minister of Health approve such Amended Bylaws.**

7. [GOV13-03] Terms of Reference – Strategy, Innovation, Research and Knowledge Committee

AHS is focused on simplifying the health system by driving down decision making, and improving access for patients and families across Alberta. The Strategy, Innovation, Research & Knowledge Committee has been established to foster development, research and greater knowledge to support the transformation of the health system.

The Committee will focus on the continuum of wellness and care for AHS patients and seek innovation and improvements.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”):

- (a) approved the Strategy, Innovation, Research & Knowledge Committee Terms of Reference, in the form reviewed and recommended by the Committee of the Whole, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable; and**
- (b) authorized and directed management of AHS to make such Terms of Reference available to the public through the AHS website.**

➤ [Link to Terms of Reference \(once they're available\)](#)

Over the two days the Board met at the Chinook Regional Hospital, they had a discussion with Dr. Barbara Lacey, Chair of the Oldman River Health Advisory Council, with respect to work being done by this Council in the Oldman River area. In addition, the Board attended a Report to the Community Event which included attendees from local Foundations, Health Advisory Councils and community leaders.