

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board (the “**Board**”) of Alberta Health Services (“**AHS**”) held by videoconference at Southport Tower, Room 1002, 10301 Southport Lane SW, Calgary and Seventh Street Plaza, Main Floor, Room A, 1003 – 107 Street, Edmonton, and by teleconference, on April 8, 2013.

Present:

Board Members: Mr. Stephen Lockwood (Chair)
Ms. Catherine Roozen (Vice Chair)
Mr. Don Cormack
Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai
Mr. Don Johnson
Mr. John Lehnert
Mr. Fred Ring
Mr. Gary Sciur
Mr. Don Sieben

Management: Dr. Chris Eagle, President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Patti Grier, Chief of Staff & Corporate Secretary

Regrets: Dr. Eldon Smith

Mr. Lockwood acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. Grier acted as Corporate Secretary.

Mr. Lockwood called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

1. Comments to the Board

a. Comments from the Chair

The following is an abstract of Mr. Stephen Lockwood’s, Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Good morning everyone and thank you for joining us by phone, by videoconference and through the Telehealth system across Alberta. This is a bit of a different public meeting for our Board in that we only have two of our Board members present in person: myself and Mr. Don Cormack. We have Mr. Don Johnson and Mr. John Lehnert joining us by videoconference and Mr. Gary Sciur, Mr. Fred Ring, Ms. Cathy Roozen, Mr. Don Sieben and Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai joining us via teleconference. We have all but Dr. Eldon Smith for our meeting today so we do have quorum.

Today we are holding a special public Board meeting to specifically address two business matters. The meeting will be brief but it is important that the Board takes the time to publicly approve the motions before us.

Board members, as I have indicated, have joined the meeting from across Alberta and the first item the Board will consider today is the 2013-2016 Health Plan and Business Plan (the “**Health Plan**”).

The Health Plan outlines the strategic direction and key priorities for AHS for the three year period beginning April 1, 2013. There are three overarching goals within this Health Plan: Improving patient experience and the quality of care; improving health outcomes; and improving the value for money proposition. The key priorities that AHS has over the three years include helping Albertans achieve and maintain wellness, strengthening primary care, improving access and wait times and fostering local decision making in order to meet the needs of all Albertans.

The Health Plan is supported by the 2013/14 operating and capital budget of AHS with an outlook out to 2015/16. The 2013/14 operating budget consists of a ten and a half billion dollar base operating grant from Alberta Health, a 3 percent increase over the prior fiscal period, plus additional government funding, including \$393 million for operating costs for the new health facilities and just over a billion dollars for other restricted transfers. Other funding totals approximately \$1.4 billion consisting of grants from other ministries, fees, charges, donations and investment income.

This budget and the three year Health Plan represent the beginning of a significant transformation in the health system in Alberta. AHS is focusing on using healthcare resources more effectively while improving Albertans access to health services. The budget is the financial foundation to manage costs, operate more efficiently across the system, improve productivity, and find new innovative ways to deliver healthcare more efficiently and more effectively. In the weeks ahead, AHS will speak further about the Health Plan and will also share additional details on the budget.

The second item today for approval is the appointment of Board members to our various Board committees. Let us now turn to the business of the meeting.

2. Review of Agenda

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the special meeting of the Board held on April 8, 2013, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Mr. Lockwood requested that any conflicts of interest, other than those previously declared, relevant to the meeting or items noted on the agenda be declared. None were declared.

4. Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and Audit & Finance Committee – March 25, 2013

[COW13-01] AHS Health Plan and Business Plan 2013-2016

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, reiterated that the AHS Board will share further details on the AHS Health Plan later this spring. Mr. Sieben added that he was confident that the Health Plan that the Board was putting forth creates a strong foundation for AHS to move forward on delivering quality health services to all Albertans.

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

- (a) approved the "Alberta Health Services Health Plan and Business Plan – 2013 – 2016" (the "Health Plan") in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole and the Audit and Finance Committee, including the new Strategic Directions, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable;**
- (b) authorized and directed management of AHS to deliver the Health Plan to the Minister of Health for approval, and after receiving such approval, to make the Health Plan available to the public through the AHS website;**
- (c) approved the 2013/14 AHS Operating and Capital Budget with outlook to 2015/16 (the "Budget"), Appendix II of the Health Plan, in the form reviewed by the Committee of the Whole and the Audit and Finance Committee, with such non-substantive changes that management of AHS considers necessary or advisable; and**
- (d) authorized and directed management of AHS to deliver the Budget to the Minister of Health for information, and following approval of the Provincial budget and confirmation of funding allocation, to make the Budget available to the public through the AHS website.**

5. Other Business

[COW13-02] Board Committee Member Appointments

Mr. Stephen Lockwood, Board Chair, advised that the AHS Board is required to approve the membership of several AHS standing committees, in accordance with the AHS General Bylaws. He further advised that committee membership has recently been revised due to the addition of three new Board members and the retirement of three Board members on March 31, 2013.

Mr. Lockwood advised that the committee appointment list was circulated to all Board members on March 27, 2013 and that comments were received from one Board member.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) approved the following members to the AHS Board committees indicated:

	AUDIT & FINANCE	GOVERNANCE	HEALTH ADVISORY	HUMAN RESOURCES	QUALITY & SAFETY	STRATEGY, INNOVATION, RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE
Chair	Don Sieben	Gary Sciur	John Lehnars	Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai	Catherine Roozen	Dr. Eldon Smith
Vice Chair	Don Cormack	Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai	Don Johnson	Fred Ring	Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai	Don Cormack
Members	Dr. Eldon Smith	Don Johnson	Gary Sciur	John Lehnars Catherine Roozen	Don Sieben Fred Ring	Catherine Roozen
External Members	Dennis Hoffman				Dr. Jon Meddings Dr. Douglas Miller	
Ex Officio	Stephen Lockwood (voting) Dr. Chris Eagle (non-voting)					

6. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Stephen Lockwood
Chair

Patti Grier
Corporate Secretary