

Alberta Health Services Board

MINUTES **Friday, May 30, 2008**

2:00 p.m.

Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre
Red Deer, AB

The inaugural meeting of the Alberta Health Services Board was held at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre on Friday May 30, 2008.

Board: Ken Hughes, Chair
Pierre Crevolin
Jack Ady
Don Sieben
Linda Hohol (via telephone)
Irene Lewis
John Lehnars (via telephone)

Staff: Charlotte Robb, Interim Chief Executive Officer
David Weyant, Counsel Calgary Health Region
Joan Hertz, Counsel Capital Health
Howard May, Communications
Joyce Murray

1. Call to Order

Mr. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Hughes welcomed the members to the inaugural meeting of the Alberta Health Services Board and introductions were made.

Mr. Hughes commented that the move to one provincial governance board will ensure a more streamlined system for patients and health professionals across the province. The new governance model is intended to strengthen a provincial approach to managing health services. This change has presented a tremendous opportunity to work together as Alberta's healthcare team. Mr. Hughes thanked all past board members for their dedicated service to Albertans. The Board will be looking at ways to acknowledge their service.

3. Board Organization, Bylaws

Mr. Hughes commented that on May 15, 2008, the Members of the Alberta Health Services Board were named to replace Alberta's nine regional health authority boards, the Alberta Mental Health Board, the Alberta Cancer Board and the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC). The AHSB, as the common governance board for the Authorities, wished to pass common General Bylaws, but keep all other bylaws in effect (such as investment or borrowing bylaws).

3. Board Organization, Bylaws, continued

The Bylaws require that the Board establish the following committees: Finance, Audit, Governance, Human Resources, Ethics & Quality, and Health Councils. Each committee will prepare their terms of reference.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Don Sieben, seconded by Mr. Pierre Crevolin, “that the Alberta Health Services Board adopts the Resolutions attached (Appendix I)”. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Hughes commented that the purpose of the MOU is to: (a) set out the Minister’s expectations regarding the roles, responsibilities, duties, policy direction, reporting relationship and performance expectations for the Board, the Chair and the CEO which is classified as a service delivery agency by the Agency Governance Secretariat, (b) set out the accountability relationship between the Board, its Chair, its CEO and the Minister and the Deputy Minister, and (c) support meaningful dialogue with the Minister, Deputy Minister, and community health councils on key health system measures, including, but not limited to: demand for services, service delivery and equitable access to services, outcomes and health system capacity.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Irene Lewis, seconded by Mr. John Lehnert, “that the Board authorizes the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Governance between the Minister, the Board and Charlotte Robb in the form attached (Appendix II)”. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Mr. Hughes advised that copies of the General Bylaws and the Memorandum of Understanding would be available following the meeting.

5. Bargaining Mandates

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Don Sieben, seconded by Ms. Linda Hohol, “that the Alberta Health Services Board approves the mandates for Multi-Employer Negotiations”. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Meeting Dates

The Board will meet monthly, however, initially meetings will be held more frequently to deal with time sensitive matters. It is the intention of the Board to hold its meetings throughout the province.

7. Other Business

The Members were advised that the *Western Workplace Health 2008: Mental Health, Productivity and Performance Conference* will be held on June 11 & 12, 2008 in Calgary.

8. Closing Remarks

Mr. Hughes advised that the status of foundations will not change. Funds that are raised in the community will continue to stay in the community.

Mr. Hughes referenced the Minister's announcement of May 29, 2008 that government will transfer responsibility for ground ambulance services from municipalities to the new provincial health authority effective April 1, 2009.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Jack Ady, seconded by Mr. Pierre Crevolin and carried.