



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

**Capital Health Corporate Offices
8440 – 112 Street
Boardroom (1J2.47 Walter Mackenzie Centre)
Edmonton, AB**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Board Members

**Mr. Ken Hughes, Board Chair
Ms. Catherine Roozen (Board Vice-Chair)
Mr. Jack Ady
Ms. Lori Andreachuk
Mr. Gord Bontje
Ms. Teri Lynn Bougie
Mr. Jim Clifford
Mr. Strater Crowfoot
Mr. Tony Franceschini
Ms. Linda Hohol
Dr. Andreas Laupacis
Mr. John Lehnert
Ms. Irene Lewis
Mr. Don Sieben
Mr. Gord Winkel**

Executive & Staff:

**Ms. Charlotte Robb, Interim CEO, Alberta Health Services
Ms. Patti Grier, Alberta Health Services Board Office
Mr. David Weyant, Senior Vice-President & General Counsel,
Alberta Health Services**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no additional conflicts of interest relevant to the agenda other than those previously declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY MR. JACK ADY, SECONDED BY MR. STRATER CROWFOOT, that the agenda for the Alberta Health Services Board Public Meeting of December 10, 2008 be approved, subject to the referral of Report GOV08-11, Code of Conduct and GOV08-13, safe disclosure policy, to the next public meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NOTE: Mr. Hughes advised these meeting reports were not ready yet for full Board approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. IRENE LEWIS, that the minutes for the Alberta Health Services Board Public Meeting dated November 13, 2008, be approved.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Mr. Hughes advised the meeting is being transmitted to healthcare sites throughout Alberta through Telehealth and will also be posted on the AHS website for all Albertans to view.

Mr. Hughes further advised that public meetings of the Alberta Health Services Board are to conduct the business of the Board and under current governance procedures there is no opportunity for the public to comment or ask questions within the meeting.

Mr. Hughes introduced and welcomed the new Alberta Health Services Board members to their first meeting and also introduced all fifteen members of the Board:

- Jack Ady from Cardston
- Lori Andreachuk from Lethbridge
- Gord Bontje from Red Deer
- Teri Lynn Bougie from Sherwood Park
- Jim Clifford from New Jersey
- Strater Crowfoot from Dewinton
- Tony Franceschini from Edmonton
- Linda Hohol from Calgary
- Dr. Andreas Laupacis from Toronto
- John Lehnert from Grande Prairie
- Irene Lewis from Calgary
- Catherine Roozen (Vice-Chair) from Edmonton
- Don Sieben from Edmonton
- Gord Winkel from Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray

Following is a transcript of Mr. Hughes remarks at the meeting:

“It’s a great honour, and a great challenge, to be asked to help fulfill the bold mandate Alberta Health Services has been given. As we look to the beginning of 2009, we are embarking on an exciting time.

Citizens will have noticed a number of positive announcements regarding healthcare that have been released over the past few months. These announcements are reflective of the Board and Government’s commitment to build on a system that will deliver the best healthcare services for citizens throughout the province.

AHW Minister Ron Liepert released Vision 2020 just last week.

Vision 2020 identifies the path forward for Alberta’s health system, describing how health care will be delivered in a strong, sustainable way by the year 2020.

VISION 2020 provides direction on how to improve the delivery of services across the whole health system including public health, acute and continuing care, the delivery of pharmaceuticals, ambulance services, health system governance and accountability.

It is about a stronger, more efficient and sustainable publicly-funded health system.

The five goals that will be focused on through a range of strategic initiatives include:

1. Providing the right service, in the right place and at the right time;
2. Enhancing access to high quality services in rural areas;
3. Matching workforce supply to demand for services;
4. Improving co-ordination and delivery of care; and
5. Building a strong foundation for public health.

The initiatives that will help us meet these goals are comprehensive and wide-ranging. Some have aggressive timelines; others are more long-term in approach.

They include the development of more assisted living and supportive housing capacity for seniors; expanding the use of Telehealth for services such as remote monitoring and specialist access; addressing the barriers that currently prevent health care professionals from working to the full scope of their education, skill and experience; and expanding the use of the patient navigator model to support Albertans in accessing and moving through the health system.

Through the work of this board, and the 85,000-strong Alberta Health Services team across the province, we are poised to create the patient-focused, accessible and sustainable health care system Albertans need and deserve – now and in the future.

2008 was a significant year for health care in Alberta, with a great deal of change and an enormous amount of work done.

I’d like to highlight a couple of recent activities especially from the world-class innovation and research that are hallmarks of Alberta’s health care system.

Researchers working jointly for Alberta Health Services and the University of Calgary have discovered a way to help stop aggressive brain tumours from spreading by using a drug that is

being tested for Alzheimer's patients. Their findings have been published in the scientific journal Public Library of Science Biology.

Also, Alberta Health Services is now offering a new kind of bariatric surgery that offers faster healing times and less complications than other bariatric procedures.

On October 15, the first patient in Canada benefited from the Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy procedure, a product of clinical trials jointly offered by AHS's Weight Wise and Centre for the Advancement of Minimally Invasive Surgery programs, and the University of Alberta.

We were very pleased to announce in November that a tentative agreement for physician services had been reached between Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Medical Association and Alberta Health Services for the 2008/2011 financial term.

The tentative agreement provides for annual increases that will keep compensation for Alberta physicians among the most competitive in Canada.

It also provides the opportunity to further develop the program support for innovations that benefit patient care and system accessibility, such as the electronic health record, and primary care networks.

This week, our Board has had two full days of meetings here in Edmonton, and also hosted a community luncheon yesterday to honour members of the boards of the former Capital Health Region, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Alberta Mental Health Board, and Alberta Cancer Board.

The contributions made by the members of the boards of the 12 entities which now comprise Alberta Health Services are the foundation for the work being done now as the restructuring of the health care system in this province continues. It is important that we acknowledge and thank everyone who has served in a governance role in the health system.

There is a great deal of work to be done. I know I speak for my colleagues on the board in saying that we are eager and excited for the task ahead. It is important that we acknowledge and thank everyone who has served in the governance role to improve health and our thanks go out to everyone.

To those who are joining us through Telehealth, we're broadcasting today's public board meeting from Edmonton's Walter C. Mackenzie Centre."

Mr. Hughes further advised that the agenda includes a variety of items which form part of the mandate of the Board. These include several legislative financial reports, appointments to Foundations, approval of a P3 agreement for the construction of Seniors Care facilities in Edmonton, and approval of a Conflict of Interest Bylaw for Alberta Health Services.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

Audit and Finance Committee, November 27, 2008

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, advised that the following recommendations come from the Audit and Finance Committee of the Board.

AF08-38 Second Quarter Performance Report

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, advised that the Second Quarter Performance Report is provided as an update. He further advised that following approval by the Board the report will be forwarded to Alberta Health and Wellness as per legislative requirements.

Ms. Charlotte Robb, Interim CEO, further advised it is a significant undertaking to bring together these reports from nine regions and the Alberta Cancer Board and Alberta Mental Health Board will continue to be a work in progress.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF08-38, Second Quarter Performance Report, and that a statement indicating the Board's overall satisfaction with its progress be provided to Alberta Health and Wellness.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF08-41 Quarterly Financial Report for Period Ending September 30, 2008

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, advised this report is a combination of financial reporting for all the regions and entities.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. GORD WINKEL, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF08-41, Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2008, for submission to Alberta Health and Wellness.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF08-44 Second Quarter Investment Report

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF08-44, Second Quarter Investment Report.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF08-48 Public/Private Partnership Agreement for the Construction and Operation of New Senior's Care Facilities in Edmonton

Ms. Charlotte Robb, Interim CEO, advised that RFPs were issued for this project, and further that Alberta Health Services is pleased to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of a new 150 bed senior's care facility by the Caritas Health Group in west Edmonton on AHS/Capital Health owned land and the construction and operation of a new 180 bed seniors care facility by Extendicare (Canada) Inc. in the Eaux Claires community of North Edmonton.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. GORD BONTJE THAT:

- 1) The Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF08-48, Public/ Private Partnership Agreement for the Construction and Operation of New Senior's Care Facilities in Edmonton;**
- 2) The Board recommend that the Minister of Health and Wellness approve the Private Partnership Agreements between Capital Health and the Caritas Health Group and between Capital Health and Extendicare (Canada) Inc. for the development and operation of new senior's care facilities in Edmonton; and-**
- 3) The Board recommend the Minister of Health and Wellness approve enabling reallocation of \$8.4 million in Construction Grant Funding to the Extendicare Project from the RAH/Glenrose and Stony Plain Senior's Care Funding Approval.**

WHEREAS there is a significant need for seniors' care beds to respond to the aging population within the region of Capital Health;

AND WHEREAS Capital Health has concluded negotiation of two P-3 agreements for two new seniors care facilities in the Capital Health region (the "Agreements"), including an agreement with Caritas Health Group for the construction and operation of a 150 bed facility adjacent to the Misericordia Community Hospital and an agreement with Extendicare (Canada) Inc. for the construction and operation of a 180 bed facility in the Eaux Claires community;

AND WHEREAS Capital Health will be requesting approval of the Agreements from the Minister of Health and Wellness of Alberta upon receiving the approval of the Members;

NOW THEREFORE the members of Alberta Health Services (the “Members”) do hereby resolve that:

- 1. Capital Health is authorized to enter into the Agreements upon the terms and conditions described in Recommendation for Decision AF08-48.**
- 2. The Chair is authorized to sign all such other documents and do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the above resolution.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF08-50 Wabasca Property Request

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, advised the Board is requested to approve a decision from the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 requesting the transfer of property in the amount of 5 acres to construct a duplex or four-plex to house doctors and other professionals in close proximity to the Wabasca Hospital. The community is willing to fund the full cost of the housing and this project would provide a much needed incentive for doctors to work within this community.

Ms. Charlotte Robb, Interim CEO, stated that it is noteworthy to see how the community of Wabasca is working with Alberta Health Services to bring about positive change to their community.

Ms. Robb advised this transaction will be made at fair market value.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF08-50, Wabasca Property Request, the Aspen Regional Health sale of a parcel of land to the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 (Parcel 26A, Plan 882-1074, Hamlet of Wabasca-Desmarais) to construct a duplex or four-plex to house doctors and other professionals in close proximity to the Wabasca hospital, and forward to the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness for approval.

WHEREAS the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 (the “MD”) has requested that Aspen Regional Health Authority (“Aspen”) sell 5 acres of land (parcel 26A, plan 882-1074) (the “Lands”) to the MD to permit the MD to construct a housing complex for doctors and other professionals upon the Lands, which are in close proximity to the Wabasca Hospital (the “Housing”);

AND WHEREAS it is believed that construction of the Housing will assist Aspen and the MD to recruit health and other professionals to the Hamlet of Wabasca-Desmarais;

AND WHEREAS the MD has indicated that it is prepared to pay fair market value for the Lands;

AND WHEREAS Aspen will be required to obtain the approval of the Minister of Health and Wellness of Alberta (the “Minister”) in order to sell the Lands to the MD.

NOW THEREFORE the members of Alberta Health Services (the “Members”) do hereby resolve that:

- 3. Aspen is authorized to request the approval of the Minister for the sale of the Lands to the MD or such other Government approval as may be required to authorize the sale of the Lands to the MD.**
- 4. Upon receiving approval for the sale of the Lands to the MD, Aspen is authorized to enter into an agreement with the MD to sell the Lands for fair market value as described in Recommendation for Decision AF08-50 and the documents attached thereto.**
- 5. The Chair is authorized to sign all such other documents and do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the above resolution.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Governance Committee, November 27, 2008

Linda Hohol, Chair of the Governance Committee, introduced the following recommendations of the Governance Committee.

GOV08-06 Appointment to the Strathcona Community Foundation and to the Fort Saskatchewan Community Health Foundation

Mr. David Weyant, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, advised that approval is required by the AHS Board for appointments to these foundations.

Mr. Ken Hughes, Board Chair, advised funds raised from communities will stay in the communities. He further advised that philanthropic efforts in Alberta are critical in providing health services and are greatly appreciated. He stressed it is important for management and the Board to work closely with the communities, trusts and foundations to ensure they are successful.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV08-06, Appointment of one member to the Strathcona Community Foundation and three members to the Fort Saskatchewan Community Health Foundation, as follows, for a three-year term ending December, 2011:

**Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation
Arlene Mazoleski**

**Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital Foundation
Kerry L. Torok-Both
Christine Sheasgreen
Dwayne Rawson**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV08-07 Appointments of Committee Members to the Capital Health Mental Health Advisory Committee (CHMHAC)

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. TERI LYNN BOUGIE, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV08-07, Appointment of six new committee members, (previously selected) to participate on the CHMHAC, until March 31, 2009.

- **The new committee members are as follows:**

**Rita McGregor
Gerri Lasiuk
Ralph Westwood
Montgomery Robson
Terena Delaney
Marcus Brauer**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV08-08 Amended Foundation Bylaws for:

- **Cardston and District Health Foundation;**
- **Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation;**
- **Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation;**
- **North County Health Foundation; and**
- **Windy Slopes Health Foundation**

Mr. David Weyant, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, advised there is a requirement for the bylaws for these foundations to be amended as outlined in the Regional Health Authorities Regulation (Alberta) February 2007. He further advised once the bylaws are approved they will be sent to the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness for-approval.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. LORI ANDREACHUCK, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV08-08, Amended Foundation By-laws for:

- **Cardston and District Health Foundation;**
- **Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation;**
- **Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation;**
- **North County Health Foundation; and**
- **Windy Slopes Health Foundation.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV08-09 Amended Foundation Bylaws - Stettler Health Services Foundation

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. TERI LYNN BOUGIE, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV08-09, Amended Foundation Bylaws – Stettler Health Services Foundation.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NOTE: Mr. Ken Hughes, Board Chair, advised that Reports GOV08-11, Code of Conduct and GOV08-13, safe disclosure policy, have been removed from the agenda in order to allow further review prior to Board approval. Mr. Hughes further advised that until these policies are approved, the 12 regions and three entities are guided by the existing policies currently in place for their organization.

Mr. Hughes further advised that Code of Conduct, safe disclosure policy and the Conflict of Interest Bylaw go hand in hand and are pillars of the Board’s governance structure and further there is a need to ensure that the Alberta Health Services Board and employees are held to the highest standard.

GOV08-12 Conflict of Interest Bylaw

Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair of the Governance Committee, spoke to the report contained in the agenda and advised that the AHSB is required to prepare a bylaw governing Conflicts of Interest pursuant to Alberta legislation.

Ms. Hohol further advised that current policies governing the nine regions and three entities continue to be in effect until an AHS bylaw is finalized and approved . Ms. Hohol further advised that the goal is to make this bylaw “best in class”.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MR. STRATER CROWFOOT, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve in principle Report GOV08-12, Conflict of Interest Bylaw with amendments as discussed, subject to final review by the Board. The Board will then resolve that it be sent to the Minister of Health and Wellness for final approval.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

Mr. Ken Hughes wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Date: January 14, 2009
Location: Calgary, AB
Time: TBD

ADJOURNED

MOVED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, SECONDED BY MR. GORD WINKEL, that the meeting of the Alberta Health Services Board adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Chair Recording

Secretary

