

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

June 30, 2009

**Alberta Children's Hospital
Auditorium – 4th Floor
2888 Shaganappi Trail NW
Calgary, 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: **Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer**
 Ms. Patti Grier, Chief of Staff, Board Secretariat

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Hughes 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 currently no opportunity for the public to comment or ask questions within the meeting. However there are a number of alternate ways for the public to provide feedback through phone, fax and email. Mr. Hughes urged everyone to visit the Alberta Health Services website for information as to how to contact the Board.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared relevant to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY MR. GORD WINKEL, SECONDED BY MR. TONY FRANCESCHINI, that the agenda for the Alberta Health Services Board public meeting of June 30, 2009 be approved, subject to the following:

- **By the bringing forward of Report AHSB09-06, Strategic Direction, to be dealt with as the first item on the agenda;**
- **By the deletion of Report GOV09-35, Appointment of Additional Board Members to the Waiver Committee;**
- **By the addition of Report GOV09-36, Disestablishment of the Waiver Committee;**
- **By the addition of Report EQ09-21, Ethics and Quality Committee – Name Change.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY MR. STRATER CROWFOOT, SECONDED BY MR. GORD BONTJE, that the minutes for the Alberta Health Services Board Public Meeting dated May 28, 2009 be approved.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The following is an abstract of Mr. Ken Hughes', Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

“Good afternoon to everyone, and welcome to the Alberta Health Services public board meeting.

I'd like to thank you all for joining us today, whether in person or through Telehealth at locations around the province.

A video of the meeting will also be available on the Alberta Health Services website.

Our meeting is in Calgary this month, in the auditorium of the Alberta Children's Hospital.

We were given a tour of this wonderful facility today.

It's such a great, comforting, child-centered community of care. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our appreciation to everyone at the Alberta Children's Hospital for the exceptional work that they do and to all those in the community who support the hospital.

And it's a fantastic illustration of so many of the principles guiding the transformation now underway in health care in Alberta: community-based service provision; multidisciplinary, collaborative care and that intensive patient and family focus.

In today's meeting, we need to deal with some of the hard work required in order for that transformation to occur.

Several key financial documents will be brought forward today by the Audit and Finance Committee, including the 2008/2009 financial statements, the 2008/2009 Annual Report, and the 2009/2010 Budget.

Also, we have had significant interest expressed in the severance and salary issues related to former senior executives.

In the spirit of openness and transparency, we will also be releasing that information today.

Over the past fiscal year, the budgeting in place had been set by the former entities which now comprise Alberta Health Services.

The 2008/2009 fiscal year ended in a deficit position for the integrated organization. At the same time, the Alberta Health Services budgeted expenses for 2009/2010 will increase 13.2%.

The majority of the six per cent funding increase provided by the government is consumed by labour agreements and inflation.

We have to find greater efficiencies in the health care system, and change the way we deliver services.

Our current spending rate is nearly \$30 million a day, or \$11 billion annually.

We have to align our expenditures with the level of funding provided by government – and find ways to do so without impacting the delivery of front-line patient care.

We have to become more efficient in the way we spend, more accountable through evaluation and reporting, and more effective in using the information gathered to improve patient care.

The 2009/2010 Budget will map out how we will begin to meet those challenges.

We'll also look at the 2009 Alberta Health Services Physician rate increases, which are necessary to ensure our recruitment and retention initiatives remain competitive.

The Governance Committee will bring forward several matters, including a bylaw to establish a new framework for community engagement.

Health Advisory Councils will form a vital link to the communities we serve, ensuring local service delivery accurately reflects local needs. The charter for the councils will be presented by the Health Advisory Committee.

The Health Advisory Committee will also bring forward trustee appointments for several foundations across the province, which is another key element of community engagement.

Foundations and trusts play pivotal roles in the pursuit of innovation and excellence in health care. There are some 75 Foundations around Alberta who work closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure there is innovation and excellence in Alberta Health Services.

Under other business, we will consider the revised Alberta Health Service Strategic Direction 2009-2012. The draft of the plan was previously approved by the Board for consultation purposes.

The response to the draft plan was phenomenal.

More than 8000 people submitted responses online.

We also received feedback from several organizations invested in the delivery of health care in this province, including professional associations, foundations, and institutional organizations.

The plan has been revised to reflect this valuable feedback, including a strengthened emphasis on patients as partners, population health, and learning and education. These are just a few of the matters on a lengthy agenda, so let's get started."

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The following is an abstract of Dr. Stephen Duckett's, President and Chief Executive, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

"Today is roughly the end of my first three months employment here at Alberta Health Services - the first 100 days, if you will. Over that time, I've spent a lot of time getting out and around the province, visiting all the major centres. I've got to go back to Lethbridge and Fort McMurray again, because I've only been to Lethbridge for the board meeting, and my meeting in Fort McMurray was cut short, so I've got to go back there. Over the summer, I also have to get to some of the smaller centres and throughout the province to find out first-hand what the issues are across Alberta

As the chair has said, this agenda is an important one for several reasons. We've got some major issues to deal with including: the budget, and the Memorandum of Understanding, which sets out the relationships, to some extent, between Alberta Health and Wellness, Alberta Health Services and the Minister.

The other important issues include the health advisory councils, which are going to be a really important part of how we ensure that the services we provide are responsive to the needs of local communities. There's also the quality and safety strategy, but most important, I think, is the Strategic Directions document.

We need to make sure we're setting our sights high. We need to make sure we're setting a vision for where we want to get to. We need to make sure that the three goals we've set - about access quality and sustainability - are all being addressed. We need to make sure we're addressing the public health issues, we're addressing the safety and quality agenda, and we're addressing the issue of making sure we're fit for the future. So, it is important, and I think it's one of the most important documents coming before us today, and that we do set a clear strategic direction for the organization.

As the chair said, the strategic direction is not just something that we around this table have developed, but something that has been out for consultation with our staff. Eight thousand staff - a bit more actually - took the time to make comments. They took the time to say, "What do we think about this document." Indeed, there was a very high level of support for the document, for the strategies we proposed and the language we used. People were asked, "Do you agree or disagree," and 80-90 per cent of people said either they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the wording, the direction, and the priorities that we have established. They also said, "Look, we've got some ideas for you." We have 3 ½ thousand pages of ideas that have come from the staff for us to look at. There are a couple of ways we are going to be looking at those. One of them is looking at them corporately, but we will also be farming them out to the people on the executive who have got responsibility for each of the areas that are covered in this Strategic Direction. So we're going to be able to tap into that enthusiasm and those ideas that have come to us from across the organization.

As you would expect when we put something out for consultation, not everyone thinks it's perfect. There have been some changes we've made as a result of the consultation. There's been some re-wording of some of the directions we've established, and there have been some new things added because, as I said, people came up with ideas and said, "Look, you didn't get it right. Add this - this is really important."

An example of this might be that we didn't specifically highlight issues of access in the mental health and addictions area. So we've listened to those comments and we've come forward with a new document.

In terms of my opening remarks, all I'd say is that I'd like to thank everybody across Alberta Health Services who have made me so welcome. Staff have been really open, friendly and welcoming to me. We've done a lot of work over the last three months, I admit that. A lot of work needed to be done. There's still a lot of work to be done. But it's been great, from my perspective, to be so welcomed and to have the chance of leading this really great organization. Thanks very much."

OTHER BUSINESS

AHSB09-06 Strategic Direction

Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer, advised that to create a shared understanding and to guide Alberta Health Services (AHS) over the next several years the development of an organization-wide Strategic Direction was required based on AHS three goals of access, quality and sustainability. This strategic direction is a critical foundation for AHS planning, operations, and accountability.

A draft plan which proposed AHS values, goals, focus and key priorities was developed. These priorities were also created to support the goals established by the Government of Alberta and are aligned with *Vision 2020*. The draft plan was released for consultation on May 1st and 8,038 people submitted responses.

The Strategic Plan, once approved, will have a broad distribution including posting on the AHS website.

MOVED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, SECONDED BY MS. IRENE LEWIS, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AHSB09-06, Strategic Direction 2009-2012 – Defining our Focus, Measuring our Progress.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM STANDING COMMITTEE(S)

Ethics and Quality Committee, June 10, 2009

Dr. Andreas Laupacis, Chair, Ethics and Quality Committee, provided an update with respect to the Ethics and Quality Committee meeting held on June 10, 2009.

EQ09-15 Quality and Patient Safety Strategic Outline

Dr. Laupacis, Chair, Ethics and Quality Committee, advised that approval of the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Strategic Plan is an important step for the Ethics and Quality Committee because it is important to align what we measure and report on in terms of quality, access and patient satisfaction with the strategic plan

He further advised the next step is to identify the specific metrics the Committee would like to report on including a plan to involve the clinical and research community in the process

Dr. Laupacis stated that an absolute requirement for success is to have access to accurate and current data. AHS is in the process of establishing a data repository that houses this data and allows the analysis to be done. This is no small task, and will require that AHS works closely with Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW), clinicians and researchers. He advised that work in this area has begun and AHS will find that for some important aspects of quality of care (e.g. primary care), the data that is currently routinely collected within the system is not sufficient to accurately measure what we would like to measure. If that is the case, AHS will need to develop a plan for how that information will be collected.

Dr. Laupacis commented that it is important that AHS has a plan for how it will assess Quality and Patient Safety, and from the Committee's point of view, how the Committee and the Board will ensure they discharge their duty of oversight over this important issue.

He advised his document identifies four enablers for quality and patient safety, as follows:

- **Patients as partners** – focuses on patient satisfaction, patient complaints
- **Skilled people and a supportive culture** - recognizes that skilled workers working in a supportive environment within AHS are crucial – focuses on metrics such as staff survey scores, staff turnover, etc
- **Measuring Quality and Safety**
- **Access** – ED wait times but much more than that – number of Albertans with a family physician, access to mental health services, etc.

Dr. Laupacis further advised the Ethics and Quality Committee will use this framework to guide its activities, focusing on each of these areas at successive meetings, so that all of these issues receive the consideration they deserve.

Mr. Ken Hughes, Board Chair, advised this document will hold AHS to a high standard of accountability.

MOVED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, SECONDED BY MR. JACK ADY, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report EQ09-15, Quality and Patient Safety Strategic Outline.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EQ09-21 Ethics and Quality Committee – Name Change

Dr. Andreas Laupacis, Chair, Ethics and Quality Committee, advised that the Committee determined that it was necessary to change the name of the Ethics and Quality Committee (the “**Committee**”) to the “Quality and Safety Committee” to better reflect the mandate of the Committee.

Dr. Laupacis stated that the name change does not mean that the Board does not take ethical issues extremely seriously, but it is to indicate that the ethical issues will be dealt with by various board committees. The public engagement aspect of the Board’s work, which was actually a significant part of the “ethics” part of the Ethics and Quality Committee, will be dealt with by the Health Advisory Committee. Ethical issues regarding the Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Governance Committee, and any ethical issues related to clinical care will still be dealt with by the Ethics and Quality Committee. He commented that he felt that the majority of the work of the Committee will be related to quality and safety.

MOVED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, SECONDED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report EQ09-21, Ethics and Quality Committee – Name Change, and approve the name change of the Ethics and Quality Committee to the “Quality and Safety Committee”.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Audit and Finance Committee, June 11, 2009

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, provided an update with respect to the Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on June 11, 2009.

AF09-57 Selection of Investment Manager

Mr. Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, advised that the selection of a qualified and competent Investment Manager to manage and administer Alberta Health Services investment portfolio is a critical element of Alberta Health Services accountability for prudent financial stewardship.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MS. LORI ANDREACHUK, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-57, Selection of Investment Manager, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to commence discussions with Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo).

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF09-58 2008-09 Financial Statement Approvals

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, advised that Alberta Health and Wellness requires approval by the Board of the financial statements of the nine former regions, Alberta Cancer Board and the Alberta Mental Health Board. The Auditor General will sign the auditors' reports following Board approval and submit to Alberta Health and Wellness by a deadline of June 30, 2009. He further advised the Office of the Auditor General or his agent has audited the organizations and Alberta Health Services has received what we would call a clean opinion, meaning no qualifications to the statement.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. GORD BONTJE, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-58, 2008-09 Financial Statement Approvals, and that each of the following financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2009 be approved:

**Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Alberta Cancer Board
Alberta Mental Health Board
Aspen Regional Health Authority
Calgary Health Region
Capital Health
Chinook Health Region
David Thompson Health Region
East Central Health
Northern Lights Health Region
Palliser Health Region
Peace Country Health**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**AF09-59 Alberta Health Services 2008/2009 Annual Report
Strategic Initiatives, Accomplishments and
Performance Results and Financial Statement Analysis**

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, advised that Alberta Health Services is required to prepare and submit an annual report to the Minister of Health and Wellness annually in compliance with the Government Accountability Act and the Regional Health Authorities Act. The Annual Report is a key accountability document that reports how Alberta Health Services discharges its legislated responsibilities and any other responsibilities delegated by the Minister. Once approved, the Strategic Initiatives, Accomplishments and Performance Results section will be combined with the Financial Analysis into one consolidated Annual Report which relates to the new strategic direction and will be filed July 31, 2009.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-59, Alberta Health Services 2008/2009 Annual Report Strategic Initiatives, Accomplishments and Performance Results and Financial Statement Analysis.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF09-60 2009/2010 Budget

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, thanked members of the Audit and Finance Committee for their hard work to come up with this documentation. As well he thanked the administration for all their efforts in obtaining the information for the Board to put this budget forth.

Mr. Sieben commented that it was not an easy task dealing with the budget in light of what's taking place in the economy.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. TONY FRANCESCHINI,

That the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-60, 2009/10 Budget. The aim of this Budget is to serve the population of Alberta by ensuring access, quality and sustainability of services for Albertans in the context of escalating health costs. This specific Budget approval involves an increase of expenses of 13.2% from \$9,579m in 2008/2009 to \$10,847m in 2009/2010 (which includes \$200m of internally funded capital) and an increase of revenues of 6.5% from \$9,166m in 2008/2009 to \$9,762m in 2009/2010.

Alberta Health Services budget strategy is to begin to bring its revenue and expenses into line commencing with \$250m of net integration savings included in the \$10,847m identified for the 2009/2010 fiscal year, leading to annualized savings of at least \$650m in 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The President and CEO is required to report back to the Audit and Finance Committee on a regular basis on Alberta Health Services' progress against the 2009/2010 budget and furthermore to present, where applicable, opportunities to improve effectiveness and efficiencies, consistent with the Board's goals of accessibility, quality and sustainability in order to achieve further savings in 2010/2011 and beyond.

Subject to identifying any additional savings opportunities, Alberta Health Services, if necessary, will access its borrowing capacity to fund the gap between its revenue and expenses in 2009/10 of \$1,085m. Prior to borrowing, the President and Chief Executive Officer to bring forward a debt reduction plan.

Alberta spends more than the national average on health care. The President and CEO is further required to present a report to the Board by December 2009 outlining the major reasons for Alberta's higher per capita health care costs as compared to the per capita health care costs for the rest of Canada and strategies to reduce the difference.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AF09-61 2009 AHS Funded Physician Rate Increases

Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, advised that in order for Alberta Health Services physician agreements to remain competitive with fee-for-service opportunities, and for AHS to honour its obligations to those physician contracts that clearly specify annual adjustments, AHS physician payment rates need to increase.

MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-61, 2009 AHS Funded Physician Rate Increases; and further, authorize the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to:

- **Implement as quickly as possible appropriate and comparable AHS physician payment rate increases to those arrangements that have historically and annually received them in order to keep step with rate increases to the Alberta Medical Association - negotiated provincial Trilateral Master Agreement.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

<p>AF09-63 Fourth Quarter Investment Report</p> <p>Mr. Don Sieben, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee, advised that currently investment management practices across the former entities are mixed, and managed by various investment managers and brokers. Of the total investment value held, 21% is currently designated as unrestricted investment funds. Alberta Health Services needs to begin the process of liquidating such unrestricted investment funds and portfolios to address operating cash flow needs as required.</p> <p>MOVED BY MR. DON SIEBEN, SECONDED BY MR. GORD WINKEL, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report AF09-63, Fourth Quarter Investment Report, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (or designate) to liquidate any significant existing investments or investment portfolios designated as unrestricted funds for operating purposes as required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> The Chair echoed Mr. Sieben's comments and thanked the Audit and Finance Committee for their efforts and also thanked the Executive team for the extremely important work they have done in putting together the 2009/2010 Alberta Health Services budget.</p>	
<p><u>Governance Committee, June 17, 2009</u></p> <p>Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, provided an update with respect to the Governance Committee meeting held on June 17, 2009 and stated the Committee dealt with a number of items of business.</p> <p>GOV09-25 Revised MOU</p> <p>Ms. Linda Hohol, Governance Committee Chair, advised that the MOU is not intended to replace any legislation or regulation that governs the definition of the role of the Ministry, role of the Board, the role of the CEO, but rather to provide clarity and better definition.</p>	

Ms. Hohol further advised that Alberta Health Services has been operating, since our inception, under a transitional MOU and that MOU is required to be revisited from time to time. But it is also required to be revisited when the CEO, the Minister or the Chair changes, and in that Alberta Health Services has a new permanent CEO in the form of Dr. Duckett, it was necessary to re-look at that MOU and discuss it with the department. It's now in a form that we wish to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board and take back to the Minister.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, WHEREAS:

- A. on May 30, 2008 the Members of Alberta Health Services Board (the "Board") approved the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding on Governance (the "MOU") by the Chair of the Board (the "Chair");**
- B. pursuant to section 3.2 of the MOU, the MOU must be affirmed if the President and Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services ("AHS") changes;**
- C. AHS has a new President and Chief Executive Officer, necessitating the MOU be affirmed by all the parties to the MOU; and**
- D. the parties wish to revise certain terms in the MOU.**

NOW THEREFORE all of the Members of AHS do hereby approve Report GOV09-25, Revised MOU, and resolve that the Chair is authorized to execute the revised MOU on behalf of the Board substantially in the form attached to this resolution as Appendix I.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV09-26 Terms of Reference – Board, Chair, Board Member, President and Chief Executive Officer and Governance Committee

Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, advised that at the request of the Governance Committee, management reviewed and revised the Terms of Reference ("**TORs**") to ensure relevance and alignment with Alberta Health Services vision, mission, and goals, and to facilitate current operations and future plans.

Ms. Hohol further advised that the revisions align the Terms of Reference with one another and also incorporate requirements as were set out in the revised MOU.

Ms. Hohol stated that this revision was also to bring greater consistency and clarity of language to the Terms of Reference in order to ensure that all of the Board's responsibilities were being picked up at the committee level, and to ensure there is no overlap.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. LORI ANDREACHUK, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV09-26, Terms of Reference – Board, Chair, Board Member, President and Chief Executive Officer and Governance Committee, and approve and adopt the following amended TORs substantially in the form attached:

- **Board;**
- **Chair;**
- **Board Member;**
- **President and Chief Executive Officer; and**
- **Governance Committee.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV09-32 Disestablishment Bylaws of Community Health Councils

Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, advised that in order to implement a standardized and revised framework for Health Advisory Councils under AHS, the existing Community Health Councils (“**Councils**”) need to be disestablished. She further advised that previous regional health authorities all had Community Health Councils, however, there was some inconsistency to the approaches and use of these Councils. The Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness has approved the disestablishment of the current Community Health Councils in order to move forward with a new model and now requires approval by the Board. In order to move forward with that, Alberta Health Services needed to disestablish the bylaws of the former Community Health Councils.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MR. GORD BONTJE, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV09-32, Disestablishment Bylaws of Community Health Councils.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV09-33 Establishment Bylaws of Health Advisory Councils

Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, advised that as per the Minister of Health and Wellness' commitment to ensure Councils are in place to seek community input into health services, establishment bylaws have been developed to proceed with this direction.

Councils formally exist and are defined under the Act, the *Community Health Councils Regulation* and the Councils Ministerial Regulation. They can be named Health Advisory Councils for operational purposes so will be referenced as such in the establishment bylaws.

Mr. Hohol further advised that in order for Alberta Health Services to move forward with new Health Advisory Councils, the establishment bylaw is required to be approved.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MR. STRATER CROWFOOT, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV09-33, Establishment Bylaws of Health Advisory Councils.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GOV09-34 Bylaw Approval for the Vermilion & Region Health and Wellness Foundation

Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, advised that AHS collaborated with representatives from Alberta Health and Wellness to ensure the Vermilion and Region bylaw is compliant with the *Regional Health Authorities Foundation Regulation*.

The request to establish the Vermilion and Region Health and Wellness Foundation was initiated in 2007 by members of the local community. Due to the dissolution of the East Central Health Board in July 2007 and subsequent establishment of the Alberta Health Services Board in May 2008, there has not been an opportunity until now to have the new bylaw approved by an appropriate board.

The local community is supportive of establishing this foundation and is anxious to begin formal fundraising activities.

MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MR. JACK ADY, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV09-34, Bylaw Approval for the Vermilion and Region Health and Wellness Foundation.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

<p>GOV09-36 Disestablishment of the Waiver Committee</p> <p>Ms. Linda Hohol, Chair, Governance Committee, advised the Board was required to have a Waiver Committee and the purpose of this Waiver Committee was to hear applications from the public for waivers under the Public Health Act.</p> <p>She further advised that Alberta Health Services has been advised by Alberta Health and Wellness that the Board is no longer required to actually sit on this Committee or have members of the Board on this Committee, but that it can now become a management committee. Accordingly, the Board is being requested to disband the Waiver Committee.</p> <p>MOVED BY MS. LINDA HOHOL, SECONDED BY MS. CATHERINE ROOZEN, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report GOV09-36, Disestablishment of the Waiver Committee, disestablish its Waiver Committee upon concluding its current hearing and authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer to establish a waiver committee comprised of officers or other employees of Alberta Health Services.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED</p>	
<p><u>Health Advisory Committee, June 22, 2009</u></p> <p>Mr. John Lehnern, Chair, Health Advisory Committee, provided an update with respect to the Health Advisory Committee meeting held on June 22, 2009.</p> <p>Mr. Lehnern advised that Alberta Health Services is finally able to catch up on some of the backlog of trustees appointments that have been put forward to Alberta Health Services from throughout the province. Mr. Lehnern stated that he is impressed with the quality of individuals that put their names forward, and that want to help out in raising funds and promoting awareness in the community. He further advised it is something they should be very proud of, and we're very fortunate to have individuals like that to help us out in our mission.</p>	

**HAC09-03 Appointment of Initial Board of Trustees -
Vermilion and Region Health and Wellness
Foundation**

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-03, appointing the following Trustees to the Vermilion and Region Health and Wellness Foundation:

- **Gordon Hills to a three-year term (June 2012),**
- **Ralph Troschke to a three-year term (June 2012),**
- **Martha Wessel to a three-year term (June 2012),**
- **George Crooker to a three-year term (June 2012),**
- **Jan Scott to a three-year term (June 2012), and**
- **Lil Wilson to a three-year term (June 2012).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**HAC09-04 Appointment of Trustees to Alberta Cancer
Foundation**

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-04, appointing the following Trustees to the Alberta Cancer Foundation:

- **Angela Boehm to a three-year term (September 2012),**
- **Dr. Brent Saik to a three-year term (September 2012),**
- **John Osler reappointed to a three-year term (September 2012), and**
- **Dianne Kipnes reappointed to a three-year term (September 2012).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**HAC09-05 Appointment of Trustees to Crowsnest Pass
Health Foundation**

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-05, appointing the following Trustees to the Crowsnest Pass Health Foundation:

- **Dustin Bedward to a two-year term (March 2011)
and,**
- **Becky Rinaldi to a two-year term (March 2011).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-06 Appointment of Trustees to Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-06, appointing the following Trustee to the Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation:

- **Debbie Vanee to a three-year term (July 2012).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-07 Appointment of Trustees to Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-07, appointing the following Trustees to the Medicine Hat and District Health Foundation:

- **Stephen Brosinsky to a three-year term (March 2012),**
- **Tyler Hauber to a three-year term (March 2012), and**
- **the re-appointment of Michael Dolan to an additional three-year term (March 2012).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-08 Appointment of Trustees and Re-appointment of Chair to Stettler Health Services Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-08, appointing the following Trustees to the Stettler Health Services Foundation:

- **Deb Gitzel to a three-year term (March 2012),**
- **Karen Phibbs to a three-year term (March 2012), and**
- **Leona Thorogood re-appointed to a three-year term (March 2012) as Chairperson.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-09 Appointment of Trustees to Viking Health Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-09, appointing the following Trustees to the Viking Health Foundation:

- **Phyllis Lefsrud to an additional one-year term (March 2010) as Chair, and**
- **Clair Prior to a one-year term (March 2010).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-10 Appointment of Members to Alberta Hospital Edmonton and Community Mental Health Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-10, appointing the following Members to the Alberta Edmonton and Community Mental Health Foundation:

- **Dianne Young to a three-year term (March 2012)**
- **Pamela Schiwinisky to a three-year term (June 2012), and**
- **Krishna Balachandra to a three-year term (June 2012).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

HAC09-11 Appointment of Members to Claresholm and District Health Foundation

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-11, appointing the following Members to the Claresholm and District Health Foundation:

- **Bev Senos to a three-year term (March 2009), and**
- **David Hunt to a three-year team (March 2009).**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**HAC09-12 Appointment of Members to Fort Saskatchewan
Community Health Foundation**

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-12, appointing the following Members to the Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital Foundation:

- Emily Lennstrom to a three-year term (July 2012),
and
- Tony Taylor to a three-year term (July 2012).

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**HAC09-13 Appointment of Members to Northwest Health
Foundation**

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MR. JIM CLIFFORD, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-13, appointing the following Members to the Northwest Health Foundation:

- Sylvia Kennedy to a three-year term (March 2012),
and
- Noreen McAteer to a three-year term (March 2012).

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NOTE: Mr. Ken Hughes, Board Chair, further thanked the volunteers and stated that these people all deserve the Board's appreciation as Albertans for the good work they do. He further commented they are, by and large, deeply rooted in their communities and are serving in volunteer capacities, helping to raise support and resources, and helping to ensure those resources are deployed and aligned with the objectives of Alberta Health Services so that we provide better care to Albertans. Mr. Hughes concluded by saying that these volunteers are great sources of innovation and we need to recognize them for their good work, and thank these people for taking on these roles.

HAC09-15 Health Advisory Council Charter

Mr. Lehnern advised that as per the Minister of Health and Wellness' commitment to ensure Community Health Councils are in place to seek community input into health services, a Charter has been developed to outline their ongoing role. The Charter addresses the historic inconsistencies of Community Health Councils and establishes a more effective mandate under the new province-wide health care system. This Charter provides the necessary operational detail of how Councils will function within Alberta Health Services.

The current Community Health Councils have been advised that a strengthened structure will be established after April 1, 2009 and are anticipating an announcement of the new structure. The Minister of Health and Wellness and Government Caucus approved in principle the tenets of the Charter and the Council Map on May 14, 2009.

MOVED BY MR. JOHN LEHNERS, SECONDED BY MS. IRENE LEWIS, that the Alberta Health Services Board approve Report HAC09-15, Health Advisory Council Charter.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NOTE: Mr. Hughes, Board Chair, stated that he encourages all Albertans to put their names forward to sit on the Health Advisory Councils put in place today. He advised that strong leaders are required to sit on the Councils and to work closely with Alberta Health Services in the provision of healthcare beginning at the heart of the communities.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **September 24, 2009**
Location: **Fort McMurray, AB**
Time: **TBD**

ADJOURNED

**MOVED BY MR. GORD WINKEL, SECONDED BY DR. ANDREAS LAUPACIS, that
the meeting of the Alberta Health Services Board adjourn at 2:00 p.m.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Chair

Recording Secretary