

## **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 2009**

The Alberta Health Services Board met on October 29, 2009 at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre. The following is an account of the motions that were passed at the meeting. A summary is released following each Board meeting and posted on the AHS external and internal websites. The meeting can also be viewed in its entirety from a link on the [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca) website. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Office at [ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca) or at 1-866-943-1120.

### **MAIN ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

#### **Review of Terms of Reference – Quality and Safety Committee**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved and adopted the amended terms of reference for the Quality and Safety Committee and the updated Definitions document.

A periodic review of the Terms of Reference for the Quality and Safety Committee identified the need for revision in order to reflect the mandate of the Committee and to better align with other Board Committees' Terms of Reference.

#### **“Towards an Alberta Health Services Environmental Sustainability Strategy”**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the draft document, “Towards an Alberta Health Services (AHS) Environmental Sustainability Strategy,” and directed management to develop key performance baseline metrics and three-year improvement targets.

The former health regions had many successes in improving their environmental sustainability. AHS is now developing an internal focus to support the ‘greening’ of ongoing operations and existing infrastructure throughout the organization. The proposed Environmental Sustainability Strategy will apply to all portfolios and functional centers within AHS, including both clinical and support areas, and will be supported by Corporate Policy. AHS will act within its sphere of influence to encourage environmental sustainability from internal stakeholders, as well as suppliers, vendors, contractors and other third parties involved in AHS operations. A copy of the strategy is available at [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca).

## **AHS Pay at Risk Program**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the structure and annual targets for pay at risk for the Senior Executive, consistent with previously approved contracts and budget.

## **Public Sector Compensation**

The Alberta Health Services Board endorsed management initiating action within Alberta Health Services consistent with the Premier's stated goals with respect to public sector compensation.

## **Health Advisory Council Membership Recommendations for Health Advisory Councils 7, 9 and 10**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved Report HAC09-25, Health Advisory Council Membership Recommendations for Health Advisory Councils 7, 9 and 10.

Alberta Health Services Board approved the establishment bylaw for Health Advisory Councils in June, 2009 and a province-wide recruitment drive was hosted through the Alberta Health Services Community Engagement department from July – August, with rural areas of the province granted an extension to submit applications of interest beyond the initial August 14 deadline. All deadlines for submission closed on September 18, 2009.

Health Advisory Council 7 (Edmonton and area), Health Advisory Council 9 (Red Deer and area) and Health Advisory Council 10 (Calgary and area) received a substantial number of applications, thus no extension to apply was granted. Recruitment to councils 7, 9 and 10 closed on August 14, 2009 and the selection process sought to recommend between 10 and 15 members per council.

The council members sought represent the diversity of a geographic area and possess a broad spectrum of health care knowledge and related matters, and generally were well connected to the opinions and perspectives of their local communities.

The Alberta Health Services Board did not release the list at the public board meeting because the administration would like to contact appointees individually.

## **Amendment to Health Advisory Council Bylaws and Charter**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved Report HAC09-26, to amend the Health Advisory Council Bylaws and Charter by updating the map referenced in both documents to adjust the boundary between Health Advisory Council 1 and 3.

The Tallcree First Nation requested a change in Health Advisory Council boundaries to more accurately reflect the geographic area in which their community members access health services and to enable the community to be represented by the council in the catchment area in which they reside. It is appropriate to change the current boundary so the Tallcree First Nation becomes part of Health Advisory Council 1.

Anticipating the boundary realignment, all Tallcree First Nation individuals who applied for council membership were interviewed, as were all individuals who applied, province-wide. However, recommendations for member appointment have been withheld until a resolution to this boundary classification has taken place.

### **Amendment to President and Chief Executive Officer's Delegation of Authority to Provide Payment to Covenant Health**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved Report AHSB09-07, Amendment to President and Chief Executive Officer's Delegation of Authority to Provide Payment to Covenant Health.

The current monthly acute care funding to Covenant Health exceeds the current delegation limit of the President and Chief Executive Officer of \$30 million.

Covenant Health may experience cash flow issues if monthly payments were to be delayed.

### **AHS Strategic Directions for Research**

The Alberta Health Services Board approved Report AHSB09-08, the AHS Strategic Directions for Research document.

The draft Strategic Directions for Research document is an initial step in the "research commitment" strategy identified in the AHS Strategic Direction 2009-2012 document as critical to making AHS "fit for the future". Informed in part by the Tyrrell/Palmer Research Report, this draft document is a one-page summary that outlines the current research landscape in AHS, key objectives, the actions required to achieve these objectives, and the need to develop a clear management and reporting strategy for research. The draft strategic document is available here: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/files/org-strategic-research.pdf>.

## **OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES IN RED DEER**

In addition to the public meeting, the Board held a Board/Executive planning retreat, met as a Committee of the Whole, and hosted a Community Engagement event with local community leaders.

Board members also received a tour of Bethany Collegeside, a continuing care facility.

The next Public Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in Edmonton on December 3, 2009.  
Please check the Alberta Health Services website for further information.