

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING JANUARY 2010

The Alberta Health Services Board met on January 21, 2010 at the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre in Calgary. 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 website. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Office at ahsb.admin@albertahealthservices.ca or at 1-866-943-1120.

MAIN ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Investment Bylaw Amendments

Alberta Health Services is required to make bylaws regarding its investment powers under the Regional Health Authorities Regulation, which also sets out the requirements for the bylaw. The bylaw must be approved by the Minister of Health and Wellness. The current bylaw was approved by the Minister on April 20, 2009.

Discussions with investment managers regarding the bylaw indicated that some generalities used to provide ethical guidelines were too broad and subjective in their description, and that inconsistent wording and definitions made it difficult to administer. It was also advised that clear language specifying that Alberta Health Services may not “directly” invest in prohibited areas needed to be added.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the amended Investment Bylaw. It will be sent to the Minister of Health and Wellness for approval.

Appointments of Trustees to Individual Foundations

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointment of the following listed Trustees to Foundations:

Foundation/Health Trust	Name	Period of Appointment
Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation	Ann Keith	Three Year term (December 2012)
Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation	Jack Vandeventer	Three Year term (December 2012)
Cardston & District Health Foundation	Gregory Burt	Three Year term (December 2012)
Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation	Cal Niebergall	Three Year term (December 2012)
North County Health Foundation	Cynthia Papworth	Three Year term (December 2012)
North County Health Foundation	Rita Bulczyk	Three Year term (December 2012)
North County Health Foundation	Shari Barendregt	Three Year term (December 2012)
Oyen & District Health Care Foundation	Linda Wilson	Three Year term (December 2012)
Oyen & District Health Care Foundation	Keith McLean	Three Year term (December 2012)
Oyen & District Health Care Foundation	Roger Bedwell	Three Year term (December 2012)

Alberta Hospital Edmonton & Community Mental Health Foundation	Dennis Cleaver	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Heather Watt	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Prem Singhmar	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Vern Yu	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Steven Dyck	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Leslie Beard	Three Year term (December 2012)
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Dr. Anthony Fields (Non-voting Member)	Three Year term (December 2012)

Standard Employment Contract for the President and Chief Executive Officer's Direct Reports

The President and Chief Executive Officer will, from time to time, be required to fill vacancies for direct reports at the Executive level. The terms and conditions negotiated during the recruitment process form the basis of the employment contract. The President and Chief Executive Officer requires the ability to approve employment contracts to ensure the timely and effective recruitment of Executive staff.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved a Standard Employment Contract for the President and Chief Executive Officer's Direct Reports.

Quality and Patient Safety Dashboard

The Quality and Safety Committee of the Board requested the development of a Quality and Patient Safety Dashboard to monitor the quality of services provided by Alberta Health Services. A number of indicators were proposed that will enable AHS to monitor performance and identify potential areas for improvement. The indicators were developed following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

Data are not available for all the proposed indicators, so the dashboard will be populated over time. Many indicators require the implementation of a program or data collection process before they can be calculated. The Dashboard will evolve as new measures are identified and indicators are revised.

The Alberta Health Services Board approved the Quality and Patient Safety Dashboard. The Dashboard will be made available to the Board in June, 2010, populated with data for those indicators for which data is available for the fiscal year 2009/2010.

Presentation

Dr. David Chaulk, Deputy Chief of the Alberta Children's Hospital Emergency Department, and Rod Iwanow, Patient Care Manager of the Alberta Children's Hospital Emergency Department, provided information regarding the use of "flow" triage beds to reduce wait times and improve access to care.

OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES IN CALGARY

In addition to the public meeting, the Board met as a Committee of the Whole, held a reception with Health Advisory Council 10, and toured the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre.

The next Public Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in Edmonton on February 18, 2010. Please check the Alberta Health Services website for further information.