

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference on August 11, 2020.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. David Weyant (Chair)
Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn (Vice-Chair)
Mr. David Carpenter
Mr. Stephen Mandel
Ms. Heidi Overguard
Mr. Hugh Sommerville
Mr. Brian Vaasjo

Management: Dr. Verna Yiu, President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

Regrets: Mr. Richard Dicerri
Ms. Glenda Yeates

Mr. Weyant acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. MacNeill acted as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Weyant called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

❖ Welcome & Comments from the Chair

The following is an abstract of Mr. David Weyant’s, Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Good morning, everyone. I am David Weyant, Chair of the AHS Board, and I would like to welcome you to this public Board meeting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

In my brief introductory comments I would like to thank our frontline staff and other healthcare professionals for their outstanding work in helping to prevent the spread of the novel corona virus. I would also like to thank Albertans who comply with the mask wearing and physical distancing recommendations and to thank public transit workers, retail staff and others who assist in reducing the spread by reminding us of the beneficial practices that enable us to move forward with the relaunch without increasing the risk to ourselves or others.

Now, on to the business of this meeting.

We are participating by teleconference today. When I ask for a vote on the motion, I will ask for those opposed or abstaining. For those who neither oppose nor abstain I will take that you are in favour of the motion. If there are none that either oppose or abstain, or if there is a majority who do not, I will declare the motion carried.

❖ **Review of Agenda**

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the meeting of the Board held on August 11, 2020, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

❖ **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Mr. Weyant requested that any conflicts of interest relevant to the meeting or items noted on the agenda be declared. None were declared.

1. Finance Committee

Mr. David Carpenter, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on August 5, 2020.

Mr. Carpenter, advised that the Committee considered an item for recommendation with respect to the setting of the preferred accommodation rates. The Board is to approve preferred accommodation charges pursuant to the *Hospitalization Benefits Regulation*. On July 1, 2017, the Board delegated authority to the AHS President & CEO to annually approve the adjusted preferred accommodation rates based on the change in the Alberta consumer price index.

The AHS review conducted by Ernst & Young (EY) in 2019/20 and subsequent discussions between AHS and EY led to the recommendation that preferred accommodation rates be increased based on jurisdictional comparators. Management presented the analysis to the Committee along with the recommendation for increases in the preferred accommodation rates. The Committee recommended the Board approve such increases. The Board has also reviewed such increases and supports the same.

a) Preferred Accommodation Rates

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:

- (i) revoked the June 1, 2017 delegation to the AHS President & CEO of the authority to annually approve the adjusted preferred accommodation rates based on the change in the Alberta consumer price index; and**
- (ii) approved, in accordance with the *Hospitalization Benefits Regulation*, the increases in preferred accommodation rates recommended by the Finance Committee and reviewed by the Board, to address a recommendation from the AHS review conducted by Ernst & Young for the Government of Alberta.**

b) Contract Extension – Dell Canada Inc./Insight Canada Inc.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Committee also considered an extension of the agreement between AHS and Dell Canada Inc./Insight Canada Inc. to provide for end user devices for one additional year, from August 18, 2020 to August 17, 2021. The Committee was asked to recommend Board approval of the extension and of the delegation of signing authority to the AHS President & CEO in accordance with Policy 1100, *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*. The Committee considered the terms and conditions of the extension and recommend Board approval of the same. The Board reviewed and supports the same.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:

- (i) approved the extension of the Dell Canada Inc./Insight Canada Inc. Agreement dated August 2014 for End User Devices for a term of one year from August 18, 2020 to August 17, 2021, on the terms and conditions recommended by the Finance Committee and reviewed by the Board; and**
- (ii) delegated the authority to the President & CEO to execute documents on behalf of AHS to effect the extension in accordance with Policy 1100, *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*.**

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

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David Weyant
Chair

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Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel