

## **PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference, on February 24, 2021.

### **Attendees:**

**Board Members:** Mr. David Weyant, QC (Chair)  
Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Deborah Apps  
Mr. David Carpenter  
Mr. Stephen Mandel  
Ms. Heidi Overguard  
Ms. Natalia Reiman  
Mr. Brian Vaasjo  
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

**Management:** Dr. Verna Yiu, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications  
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel  
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

**Regrets:** Mr. Tony Dagnone, OC  
Ms. Sherri Fountain  
Ms. Glenda Yeates, OC

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

Mr. Weyant called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.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 afternoon, everyone. I am David Weyant, Chair of the AHS Board, and I would like to welcome you to this AHS Public Board meeting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

To start, in the spirit of promoting reconciliation and gratitude and in keeping with the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that the work of AHS takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7 & 8 and the homeland of the Metis. I would also like to acknowledge the 46 First Nations communities within what we call Alberta, as well as the Metis and Inuit Peoples that we serve in our healthcare system.

Our Board members are joining us from across the country and we acknowledge the Indigenous peoples' territories in which they live and work. We are grateful to those who have come before us and mindful of those who will follow us as we steward and protect these lands.

Before I address some administrative matters, I wish to point out this is a milestone day in Alberta's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as large-group public immunization started this morning at 8 o'clock.

Seniors aged 75 years and older are now able to book appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. They can book online or by calling Health Link at 811, not 911. Details and links are on the AHS webpage. Despite some technical issues this morning, as of 1 o'clock today, more than 20,000 Alberta seniors aged 75 years and older are now booked to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. That is about 4000 successful bookings per hour. Once booked, Albertans 75 years and older will receive confirmation with the location, date and time for their first and second dose appointment at a site close to home, or in their hometown.

I should point out that any eligible seniors living in an assisted living facility, retirement home or other congregate setting will not need to book an appointment, as AHS is working with these facilities directly to arrange times for the vaccine to be administered.

Provided the vaccine arrives in Alberta as expected, all Albertans born in 1946 or earlier should be immunized by early April. AHS will continue to work with the Government of Alberta to update Albertans about who is eligible for future phases of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

We are working to immunize all Albertans as quickly as possible based on available vaccine supply. As vaccine is available, we are vaccinating Albertans. In the days ahead, some pharmacies will also be offering immunization. We will continue to share information publicly as soon as it is available.

I encourage all Albertans to receive the vaccine as soon as they become eligible to do so. In the meantime, thank you to all Albertans for doing your part to stay safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19, and a big thank you to all health care staff and physicians working tirelessly through this pandemic.

Now let us move into the agenda.

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, or a minority, who either oppose or abstain, 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 February 24, 2021, 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. Community Engagement Committee**

Vicki Yellow Old Woman, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee of the Board, reported that the Committee met on February 18, 2021. Ms. Yellow Old Woman noted that she would be providing a full meeting report at the March 2021 Board meeting but would be presenting two motions that require Board approval prior to March 1, 2021.

Ms. Yellow Old Woman stated the Committee considered the appointment and renewal of Advisory Council members and the appointment of Trustees to established Foundations.

Ms. Yellow Old Woman stated that AHS is very grateful for the commitment of volunteers across the province, values their work and appreciates their commitment to health care.

**a) Advisory Council Appointments**

Ms. Yellow Old Woman, Committee Chair, advised that the first item considered by the Committee was the appointments and renewals of members to Advisory Councils.

Ms. Yellow Old Woman stated that the responsibility to appoint Advisory Council members lies with the AHS Board. The Committee recommended the Board approve the member appointments and renewals as reviewed by the Committee. The Board considered such recommendation and the members support its approval.

**UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the following Advisory Council appointments and renewals for the terms as follows:**

<b>Health Advisory Council Appointment – for a Three-Year Term – effective March 1, 2021 to February 29, 2024</b>	
<b>Health Advisory Council</b>	<b>Name</b>
Oldman River	Vicki Koersen
<b>Cancer Provincial Advisory Council Appointment – for a Three-Year Term - effective March 1, 2021 to February 29, 2024</b>	
<b>City/Town</b>	<b>Name</b>
Edmonton	Dr. Marilyn Hundleby
<b>Cancer Provincial Advisory Council Appointments – for a Two-Year Term – effective March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023</b>	
<b>City/Town</b>	<b>Name</b>
Vulcan	Leanne Anderson
Stettler	Andrea DeYoung
Wabasca	Ernie Grach

<b>Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Provincial Advisory Council Appointments – for a Two-Year Term – effective March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023</b>	
<b>City/Town</b>	<b>Name</b>
Stettler	B Adair
Edmonton	Rebecca Alley
Edmonton	Stephanie Booth
Calgary	Renate Braul
St. Albert	Carla Grant
Calgary	Jennifer Kneller
Calgary	Jane Oxenbury

#### **b) Foundation Trustee Appointments**

Ms. Yellow Old Woman reported that the second item considered by the Committee was with respect to the appointments and reappointments of Trustees to Foundations.

Ms. Yellow Old Woman noted that the responsibility to appoint Trustees to established Foundations lies with the AHS Board. The Committee recommended the Board approve the Trustee appointments and reappointments as reviewed by the Committee. The Board considered such recommendation and the members support its approval.

**UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointments and reappointments of Trustees to Health Foundations for the terms as follows:**

<b>Trustee Appointment – for a One Year Term - effective March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022</b>	
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Name</b>
Oyen and District Health Care Foundation	Ann Berg
<b>Trustee Appointment – for a Two Year Term - effective March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023</b>	
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Name</b>
Oyen and District Health Care Foundation	Sandra Crooker
<b>Trustee Appointments – for a Three Year Term - effective March 1, 2021 to February 29, 2024</b>	
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Name</b>
Alberta Cancer Foundation	Sandra Lau Matthew Parliament
Brooks and District Health Foundation	Barb Tymko
Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital Foundation	Robert Hargreaves
Mental Health Foundation	Anita Thompson
Ponoka and District Health Foundation	Debra Stott
Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation	Stan Fisher Renee Giroux-Wyton Paula Schoepp
Vulcan Community Health and Wellness Foundation	Andre Lacoursiere

**2. Finance Committee**

David Carpenter, Chair of the Finance Committee of the Board, reported that the Committee met on February 19, 2021. Mr. Carpenter noted that he would be providing a full meeting report at the March 2021 Board meeting but in the meantime would be presenting one motion that requires Board approval prior to March 1, 2021.

**a) Amendments to Continuing Care Contracts**

Mr. Carpenter, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed renewals and amending agreements for multiple continuing care facilities across Alberta and recommended same for Board approval. Board approval is required in accordance with Policy 1100 *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*. The Board reviewed the proposed renewals and amendments and the members support the approval.

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

**a) approved the following:**

- i) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and All Seniors Care Living Centres to extend the provision of supportive living services at St. Albert Retirement Residence for five years from March 1, 2021;**
- ii) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and Bethany Care Society to extend the provision for special program services at the Bethany Calgary facility for five years from April 1, 2021;**
- iii) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and Covenant Care to extend the provisions of supportive living services at Saint-Thomas Health Centre (Edmonton) and Chateau Vitaline (Beaumont) for five years from April 1, 2021;**
- iv) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and Hardisty Care Centre Partnership to extend the provision for Specialty Unit Long Term Care services at Hardisty Care Centre (Edmonton) for 49 months from March 1, 2021;**
- v) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and The Governing Body for the Salvation Army in Canada to renew the provision of supportive living services at Grace Manor (Edmonton) for five years, from April 1, 2021;**
- vi) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and Excel Resources Society to extend the provisions of supportive living services at Balwin Villa and Grand Manor in Edmonton for five years from April 1, 2021;**

vii) an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between AHS and Prairie Lake Seniors Community Partnership to extend the provisions of supportive living and long term care services at the Grande Prairie facility for five years from April 1, 2021; and

b) delegated to the President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the necessary documents to effect all of the amendments so approved.

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
David Weyant, QC  
Chair

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine MacNeill  
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel