

SIOUX LOOKOUT MENO YA WIN HEALTH CENTRE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
held Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 0900 hours
via Zoom

Present: Ms. Sadie Maxwell (chair), Mr. Leroy Quoquat, Mr. Knowles McGill, Mr. Roy Spence, Ms. Joyce Timpson, Ms. Cindy Hunt, Mr. Terry Jewell, Mr. John McKay, Ms. Patricia Keesickquayash, Ms. Heather Lee, Mr. Dean Osmond, Mr. Douglas Semple, Ms. Samantha Brooks, Ms. Teri Fiddler, Dr. Dan Shilensky, Ms. Carole Slater (recorder)

Regrets: Ms. Beatrice Anderson, Ms. Christine Hoey, Ms. Brenda Fox, Mr. James Cutfeet, Mr. John Cutfeet, Mr. Joe Meekis, Dr. Barbara Russell-Mahoney

The meeting was called to order at 0917 hours. Ms. Fiddler opened the meeting with a prayer.

Patient Story

Ms. Brooks shared a patient story from a person who expressed their gratitude for exceptional care when they were initially reluctant to received treatment from a small rural hospital.

Directors Conflict of Interest Disclosure

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

MOTION #32/20 it was moved by Ms. Joyce Timpson that the board of directors approve the agenda of the regular meeting held November 5, 2020 as presented.
Seconded by Ms. Cindy Hunt. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 24, 2020

The minutes of the regular board meeting held September 24, 2020 were reviewed and approved as distributed.

MOTION #33/20 it was moved by Mr. Knowles McGill that the board of directors approve the minutes of the September 24, 2020 regular board meeting as distributed.
Seconded by Mr. Leroy Quoquat. **CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held October 15, 2020

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held October 15, 2020 were reviewed and approved as distributed.

MOTION #34/20 it was moved by Mr. Knowles McGill that the board of directors approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Executive Committee meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Roy Spence. **CARRIED**

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Regional Services Committee of the Board Representative – Appointment

- This item was briefly discussed at the last meeting and members were invited to send their expression of interest. Both Mr. McGill and Ms. Hunt expressed their interest.
- This is a regional initiative that used to fall under the North West Health Alliance (NWHHA). The NWHHA was dissolved and now the group is looking at setting a regional board.
- Ms. Lee noted that the CEOs of the regional hospitals worked together to ensure all the decisions were made as a group and not from an individual hospital when taking on regional activities; i.e., Meditech, technology implementation, etc.
- Mr. Spence asked if there is a representative from NAN on this board to represent the Indigenous population as First Nations interests need to be represented.
- Ms. Lee mentioned that there is an Indigenous representative on the TBRHSC board and any other hospital board member to sit on this board would represent each individual hospital. Regional hospitals want to make sure this is not just a Thunder Bay representation. Our representative would need to ensure there is collaboration with NAN and other organizations we work with.
- Mr. McGill noted he is hoping that someone with a lot of background working with First Nations could represent us.
- All were in favour to endorse Ms. Hunt as the representative for SLMHC.
- Ms. Hunt noted that she will do her best to represent SLMHC and will make sure to reach out should she needs to.

MOTION #35/20 it was moved by Mr. John McKay that the board of directors endorses Cindy Hunt to sit on the Regional Services Committee of the Board, for the term beginning 2020/21. Seconded by Mr. Leroy Quoquat. **CARRIED**

4. **Round Table**

Mr. Roy Spence

- There is a lot happening with different restrictions. We need to make sure patients have always access to cultural care when in hospital even during COVID-19 restrictions. We also need to ensure the patients are properly consulted regarding their care. Mr. Spence thanked everyone for attending today. He is very pleased to see people today and really misses the face to face meetings.

Mr. John McKay

- Mr. McKay mentioned that when his partner was admitted to the hospital he was very impressed with the care she received.

Mr. Knowles McGill

- Mr. McGill also mentioned that it is great to see everyone today and is pleased with all the good work everyone is doing.

Ms. Terri Fiddler

- Ms. Fiddler noted that we now have to adapt to this new way of meeting. She has not been at the hospital for some time and inquired about the safekeeping of the sacred items in the Ceremonial Room. She would like to have a report from the THMFS program that all the medicine, drum, etc., are acknowledged and well taken care of. She is happy to see everyone today and is sad about the passing of an elder in Sandy Lake. She wished everyone to stay safe.

Ms. Samantha Brooks

- Ms. Brooks reassured everyone that all the sacred items are being taken care of. A small ceremony was held this past week and we continue to offer them within the guidelines of the restrictions.

Ms. Cindy Hunt

- Ms. Hunt acknowledged the collaborative work with SLFNHA and SLMHC as they work together on getting services back in the communities and the development of safe pathways to care. The PCT has been sending teams to the northern communities and has been working on bringing psychiatric services here as well as mental health services. Ms. Hunt asked if we could resend the link to SLMHC annual report. She thanked everyone for their work.

Ms. Joyce Timpson

- Ms. Timpson has accessed the hospital for personal care and was very impressed with the staff and how good they are at explaining everything. She is also impressed at how the northern communities are managing the pandemic. It is very reassuring to see the good work everyone is doing and to hear more about what is happening in the north.

Mr. Leroy Quoquat

- Mr. Quoquat echoed everyone sentiments and added his congratulations to Ms. Hunt for her appointment to the Regional Board. He believes she will be a good advocate for the region and First Nations.

Ms. Patricia Keesickquayash

- Ms. Keesickquayash noted that it is nice to see everybody. She mentioned that her dad is in the hospital waiting for long-term care. He wants to see a priest and she asked if someone could help with his request. Ms. Brooks will ensure he receives pastoral care. She congratulated Ms. Hunt. She noted that it is good to hear that communication is getting to the communities. She wished everyone to stay safe.
- Ms. Keesickquayash reminded everyone to keep in mind that Mishkeegogamang is on Eastern Time so it will make a difference when their transportation van leaves Sioux Lookout.

Dr. Dan Shilensky

- Dr. Shilensky is the President of Medical Staff. He works in the ER and the hospital alongside other physicians. He continues to be impressed with the commitment, motivation and dedication to the patients. He noted that Dr. Bell as the new Chief of Mental Health is very motivated to improve mental services in the area.

Mr. Terry Jewell

- Mr. Jewell is pleased to see and hear everyone today and with the remarks of the board on how well SLMHC is handling the pandemic.

Ms. Sadie Maxwell

- Ms. Maxwell thanked Mr. Spence for participating today as it has been a while since he had the opportunity to do so. The pandemic has brought forward many obstacles that we have had to overcome. She reminded everyone to stay vigilant. She is pleased that timely communication is received from Dr. Guilfoyle and sent to the communities. She also thanked all the hospital staff for what they do every day.

5. **Reports**

5.1 Foundation Report

There was nothing new to report today.

5.2 CEO Report

- Ms. Lee thanked the board for their kind comments to our staff, they are working very hard.
- The staff experience survey went out last week and we already received a great response rate. We are happy that staff are doing well and we conduct regular pulse check with them. The Wellness Committee also provides staff with regular activities.
- We are fortunate that there are no COVID-19 cases in the hospital. She thanked all the staff and physicians for the precautions they are taking to keep everyone safe.
- We have moved the Assessment Centre inside the hospital. It has outside access so that there is no traffic through the hospital. Now that the trailer has been removed, we have opened the main entrance parking and entrance to outpatients. This will alleviate the traffic in ER.
- We continue to update our website and Facebook page with regular updates. A lot of services are back in place and we also do a lot of virtual work. She thanked the board for their support.
- We continue to be in good shape with our PPE supply.

Long-Term Care Update

- We have been assigned a new project manager for the LTC project. The Ministry continues to explore options for funding. A number of focus groups with our functional planning coordinator were held last week with residents, staff, families and community partners.
- There has been no movement from the Ministry; however, we decided that we would start with the functional planning so when the Ministry figures out the funding we are ready to move forward.
- We currently have 20 LTC beds and have been allocated 76 more for a total of 96 beds. We have had the 20 beds since 1991.
- The role of the functional planning coordinator is to put a picture together of what the building will look like. There will be other opportunities to participate in this process.

5.3 Chief Nursing Executive (CNE)/Chief of Staff Report

CNE

- Ms. Brooks noted that we will be able to move forward with dental surgeries in December as we were able to coordinate dates with a dentist and assistant.
- We continue to work with our partners to develop and standardize pathway to care for patients to come to the hospital and return home to help appease worries of travelling out of the communities.

Chief of Staff

- Nothing to report at today's meeting as Dr. Russell-Mahoney was not in attendance.

6. **Standing Agenda Items**

6.1 Financial Update

- The RUC reviews the statement of financial position regularly. The enclosed report shows our financial statement as of the end of August. There are still COVID-19 expenses that have not yet been covered; however, we are in a good financial position.
- Mr. McGill clarified that the number in bracket under revenues is most likely a reversal as we would not normally see a deficit under revenues.
- There is a small deficit; however, this was expected and we are normally behind in getting money back from COVID-19 expenses.
- We report our COVID-19 expenses monthly and so far we have received reimbursement for everything we have submitted. Sometimes it can take a few months to receive this.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Approval of Privileges and Credentialing as per MAC meeting of October 29, 2020

Privileges for physicians and allied health professionals for October 29, 2020 were not reviewed as the October MAC meeting was cancelled.

8. **Minutes of Committees – for Information**

8.1 Resources Utilization Committee minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting

The minutes of the meeting were enclosed for information.

9. **In-Camera Session**

9.1. N/A

10. **Next Meeting/Closing Prayer**

Ms. Spence asked what to do if he wanted to attend a face-to-face meeting. Ms. Lee noted that at this time, we are only conducting virtual meetings. We could have a small group if someone wanted to be here in person but not everyone would be able to do so.

Ms. Fiddler closed the meeting with a prayer. She asked that all be kept safe especially those who might not fully understand what we are going through with the pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 1037 hours. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom.

MOTION #36/20

It was moved by Mr. Terry Jewell that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 1037 hours. Seconded by Ms. Cindy Hunt.

CARRIED

H. Lee, Secretary

S. Maxwell, Chair

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November 17, 2020