



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
The Delta Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

Attendance:

H. Azzam	S. Gauthier	G. McLennan	M. Montanti
S. Neel	M. Perchotte	J. Slater	J. Stinson
B. Wright	P. Van Caesele		

Regrets:

P. Baker	J. Cox	L. Manning	
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Staff:

C. Conway	P. Chackowsky	A. Kabani	D. Labelle
T. Mangano	P. Penner	G. Whitehill	

APPROVAL

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Agenda

MOVED: M. Montanti
SECONDED: P. Van Caesele

CARRIED.

3) Approval of Board Minutes and Conflict of Interest

Minutes approved as distributed. No conflicts were declared.
MOVED: H. Azzam
SECONDED: S. Neel

CARRIED.

4) Strategic Discussion: Board Priority #1 – Quality of Care & Patient Safety

The Quality & Patient Safety Committee acknowledged that a standard definition of “patient safety”, from which to operate from, is required. The Committee also acknowledged that the definition of “Quality” and “Patient Safety” differ; however they complement each other. The Board wishes to consult its Regional Health Authority partners to understand how they define the two. Accreditation Canada defines Quality in eight dimensions, one of which is safety. The Board acknowledged that once definitions have been established the organization will need to develop an engagement strategy with its key stakeholders, including staff, to communicate its expectations in creating a culture of

patient safety. The Board provided this input and direction to the Quality and Patient Committee to continue development in this critical area.

5) Standing Reports (Oversight)

Board Chair Report

Ministerial letters of reappointment with terms ending March 31, 2017 have been received for Dr. Paul Van Caesele, Lee Manning, Shelley Neel (who is retiring and her last meeting will be June), Dr. Hussam Azzam, Martin Montanti, Jean Cox and Dr. Brock Wright. The Minister of Health appointed Dr. Helmut Unrau from CancerCare Manitoba to replace Dr. Dhali Dhaliwal.

The Chair reported that she had received notification from Dr. Pat Baker in regards to her absencing herself from the Board for a period of time. This was acknowledged by the Board.

The Regional Health Authorities of Manitoba is hosting a webinar on governance for patient safety and quality on June 12. Board Member John Stinson will participate on behalf of the Board and will provide a brief overview on content matter.

CEO Report

The CEO provided an update on the following established partnerships:

- DSM has entered into a data sharing agreement with Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. DSM has been invited to participate on the MCHP “Need to Know Team”.
- DSM has entered into a funding agreement with the Canadian Health Institute (CHI). This relationship will allow DSM full access to CHI's resources for a joint initiative related to the Choosing Wisely® campaign
- DSM is co-authors on two major Genome Canada grant submissions as part of the developing provincial strategy for genomics in MB.
- DSM meets regularly with a number University of Manitoba, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department Heads to proactively discuss business partnerships and/or to address any program related matters.

DSM will introduce Liquid Based Cytology over the course of the year as part of the enhanced provincial screening program for gynecological cancers.

DSM assumed responsibilities for oral pathology from the Faculty of Dentistry effective April 1, 2014. Funding has been transferred to DSM.

The Annual Health Plan report is due to Manitoba Health on June 2, 2014. The Annual Health Plan does not require Board approval, but will be presented to the Board for review prior to the June Board meeting.

Radiology after-hours coverage has been implemented in the Northern and Interlake-Eastern RHA's and will roll out to Southern Health-Santé Sud in the following months. After-hours coverage will provide physicians with 24/7 access to radiologists thus helping to reduce unnecessary air transport costs and will assist to keep ambulances in their jurisdiction.

Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report (QPSC)

Discussed as part of the Strategic Discussion topic.

Finance Committee Report

No report. The 2014/2015 funding letter from Manitoba Health has not yet been received. The conditional budget and assumptions previously approved are still applicable.

6) Governance (Foundational Factors)

Governance Committee Report

No report.

7) Board Q & A Session

The Board expressed its assurance that DSM CEO and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Health Sciences) are co-leading the selection process and are recruiting collaboratively for the new Department Head of Pathology.

8) In-Camera Session

9) Adjournment

H. Azzam moved to adjourn at 11:11 a.m.

***Next Meetings: Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at The Delta Hotel
Strategic Topic: Strategic Plan 2014-2017***