

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: December 8, 2021

TIME: 1:30 pm – 2:02 pm

LOCATION: Via Webex and Teleconference

Authority Members: Arlene Wiks (Chairperson), Tyler Bragg (Vice-chairperson), Brenda Abrametz, Marilyn Charlton, David Fan, Gillis Lavalley, Rosalena Smith, Gary Zazos, Q.C. and Tom Zurowski.

Administrative Staff: Andrew Will (Interim CEO), Kim McKechney (Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications), Robbie Peters (Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer), Dr. Susan Shaw (Chief Medical Officer) (joined for item #5.3 & #8.3.1), Beth Vachon (Vice President, Quality, Safety & Strategy), Lori Frank (Executive Director, Governance & Policy) and Denni Wood (Board Administrative Assistant) (Recorder).

Regrets: Max Hendricks (Deputy Minister of Health) (Ex Officio).

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Welcome Guests

- Chairperson, A. Wiks, called the public meeting of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to order at 1:30 pm.

1.2 Introduction of Board Members and Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- A. Wiks introduced the Board and Interim CEO.

1.3 Explain Meeting Protocols

- A. Wiks explained the meeting protocols to the members of the public in attendance via webex.

2.0 Approval of Agenda and Consent Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda

- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #34-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by T. Bragg that: the agenda of December 8, 2021 be approved.

2.2 Approval of Consent Items

2.2.1 Previous Meeting Minutes

- 2.2.1.1 29-September-21
- 2.2.1.2 20-October-21

- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #35-21 [Carried]. Moved by B. Abrametz and seconded by G. Lavalley that: the consent items be approved.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

- No conflicts of interest were declared.

4.0 Ethical Decision Making Checklist Reminder

- The Board was reminded of the Ethical Decision Making Checklist.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson, A. Wiks, provided a verbal update.
- A. Wiks expressed gratitude to former Chief Executive Officer, Scott Livingstone for his contribution to the SHA.
- A. Wiks acknowledged Dr. Janet Tootoosis for her work on the SHA Board of Directors.
- A. Wiks provided a fulsome introduction of Interim Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Will.

5.2 Interim Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report

- A. Will presented the Interim CEO report which included an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and appointments of executive positions as a result of A. Will taking on interim CEO role.
- A. Will thanked former CEO, Scott Livingstone, for his leadership and mentorship.
- A. Will expressed gratitude to SHA staff for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5.2.1 Mental Health Head Designation

- A. Will provided background regarding the designation of a Mental Health Head for the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #36-21 [Carried]. Moved by G. Lavalley and seconded by G. Zabos, Q.C. that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority Board designate Karen Earnshaw, Vice President of Integrated Rural Health, as the head of mental health services for the SHA pursuant to section 7.1 of The Mental Health Services Act replacing the previous designation of Suann Laurent, Chief Operating Officer.

5.3 Chief Medical Officer's (CMO's) Report

- Dr. S. Shaw presented the CMO's Report. The report included updates on practitioner staff appointments.

6.0 Quality Update

6.1 Key Performance Indicators

- B. Vachon provided an update on the key performance indicators.

7.0 Strategy Update

- B. Vachon gave an update on the strategic planning process.

8.0 Committee and Board Member Reports

8.1 Audit, Finance & Risk Committee (AFRC)

- T. Zurowski, AFRC Chairperson, provided an update from the November 17, 2021 AFRC meeting.

8.2 Quality & Safety Committee (QSC)

- B. Abrametz, QSC Chairperson, provided highlights from the November 16, 2021 QSC meeting.

8.3 Governance & Human Resources Committee (GHRC)

8.3.1 Temporary Practitioner Staff Emergency COVID-19 Rule

- Dr. S. Shaw presented the temporary Practitioner Staff emergency COVID-19 rule.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #37-21 [Carried]. Moved by T. Zurowski and seconded by B. Abrametz that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority establish the Temporary Practitioner Staff Emergency COVID-19 Provincial Rule.

8.3.2 CEO Recruitment & Succession Committee Terms of Reference

- M. Charlton, Chairperson – GHRC, provided background regarding the CEO Recruitment & Succession Committee terms of reference and the establishment of a CEO Recruitment & Succession Committee.
- The following motion was brought forward:

SHA #38-21 [Carried]. Moved by M. Charlton and seconded by R. Smith that: the Saskatchewan Health Authority approve the CEO Recruitment & Succession Committee Terms of Reference.

8.4 Practitioner Liaison Committee (PLC)

- A. Wiks, PLC Co-chairperson, provided an update on the November 18, 2021 PLC meeting.

9.0 Next Meeting Date

- March 2, 2022

10.0 Motion to Adjourn

SHA #39-21 [Carried]. Moved by M. Charlton that: the public meeting of the Saskatchewan Health Authority be adjourned at 2:02 pm.

11.0 Questions from the Public in Attendance

- A member of the public asked if the Chief Operating Officer position is vacant or if someone is filling that position. A. Will, Interim CEO, responded that the position is currently vacant and that the SHA will be giving it consideration over the next while.
- News agency reporters asked questions and management responded.