

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

February 15, 2023 – 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

VIA Livestream

Board Members

Doug Cochrane (chair)
 Spring Hawes
 Karen Hamling
 Allan Louis
 Cindy Popescul
 Willie Sellars (R)
 Cindy Stewart (R)

Resource Staff

Susan Brown, President & CEO
 Karen Bloemink, VP HR, Population Health & Pandemic Response
 Dr. Shallen Letwin, VP, Clinical Operations IH South
 Diane Shendruk, VP Clinical Operations IH North
 Carmen Gudljek (recorder)

Item		Discussion	Action & Person Responsible
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm	
1.1	Territorial Acknowledgement	Chair Cochrane provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
1.2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	There were no changes to the recorded conflicts of interest on file.	
1.3	Approval of Agenda	<p>MOTION: <i>Moved by Director Hamling, seconded by Director Louis. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>THAT the Board of Directors approve the agenda of February 15, 2023 as presented.</p>	
2.0	NEW BUSINESS		
2.1	Commitment to Quality Health Services in the Current Environment	<p>Karen Bloemink, Dr. Shallen Letwin and Diane Shendruk presented. Key highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of health services globally, across British Columbia and Canada, and Interior Health over the past years during the COVID-19 pandemic, world conflicts and environmental disasters. • Direct and indirect COVID-19 effects have impacted the toxic drug supply and created high demand for services in Mental Health and Substance Use amongst other services. 	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges continue with employee recruitment and retention and an overview was provided on initiatives that are underway. <p>Q: How does a member of the public find out about opportunities for internationally educated nurses? A: The Interior Health webpage as well as the BC Ministry of Health webpage has information on how to access this information.</p> <p>Q: I am a permanent part time patient ambassador, does the job disappear when COVID disappears? A: Further assessment will be required related to these roles due to the ongoing evolution of the pandemic. These positions are part of a provincial strategy to ensure we are keeping our facilities safe for patients and visitors.</p> <p>Q: Unveiling of the artwork at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) and will this be posted widely for the public? A: The artwork on the RIH Cultural wall was done by Secwépemc and Nlaka'pamux artist, Chris Bose. The Dăkelh Dené, Tsilhqot'in, Northern St'at'imc, Nlaka'pamux and Syilx Nations also have communities that rely on RIH, as do the Métis Nation and Inuit Peoples. All will be represented on the RIH Cultural Wall. This information will be posted on the IH website.</p> <p>The Board thanked the presenters for the informative presentation. The presentation is available on the Interior Health website at www.interiorhealth.ca and is attached to these minutes.</p>	
3.0	STANDING REPORTS		
3.1	President & CEO	<p>Susan Brown, President & CEO provided an update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tremendous amount of work is underway across IH on recruitment and retention strategies. Update provided on the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). 	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on a visit to Grand Forks where she met with the staff and physicians who are reaping the benefits of the incentive program. • The announcement of the commencement of the redevelopment of Cariboo Memorial Hospital was released today, Feb. 15. Interior Health is grateful for the partnership with the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District, the Cariboo Memorial Hospital Foundation, and First Nations partners. • Leadership is getting back out to visit communities following the lifting of COVID restrictions. The Chair and CEO recently visited the communities of Ashcroft, Kamloops, Merritt and Lillooet. • For the ninth time, Interior Health was chosen as top employer in BC, and as top employer for young people in Canada. In addition, IH was selected for the Premier’s award for Critical COVID-19 Health Analytics. 	
3.2	Board Chair Report	<p>Chair Doug Cochrane provided an update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the visit with the CEO to Lillooet, Ashcroft, Kamloops and Merritt. Great work is being done in these communities, particularly the work that is being done to support those patients in Lillooet and Lytton. • The Board would like to acknowledge the staff and physicians working at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) in the Emergency Department. RIH is in the second phase of redevelopment and the Emergency Department is under construction. Remarkable work is being done under the circumstances to ensure care is being provided to our patients. 	
4.0	ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting will take place on June 21, 2023.		