



Board of Directors Regular Meeting

October 6, 2021 – 5:00 to 6:00 pm (held via Livestream)

Board Members

Doug Cochrane (chair)
Karen Hamling
Spring Hawes
Diane Jules
Selena Lawrie
Allan Louis
Cindy Popescul
Dennis Rounsville
Cindy Stewart

Resource Staff

Susan Brown, President & CEO
Karen Bloemink, VP HR, Pop. Health & Pandemic Response
Dr. Shallen Letwin, VP Clinical Operations, IH South
Dr. Sue Pollock, interim Chief Medical Health Officer
Dr. Sue MacDonald, EMD, IH North, PCC, and Seniors Care
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	Moved by Director Rounsville Seconded by Director Louis, carried unanimously: THAT the Board of Directors adopted the agenda of October 6, 2021 as presented.	
1.4	Approval of Consent Agenda	Moved by Director Hamling Seconded by Director Jules, carried unanimously: THAT the Board of Directors approved the Consent agenda of October 6, 2021 to accept the following items for information: Item 1.4.1 REB Annual Report Item 1.4.2 Stakeholder Relations Report	
1.5	Follow Up Action Items	There were none outstanding.	



2.0 NEW BUSINESS	
2.1	<p>COVID-19 Update</p> <p>Dr. Sue Pollock and Karen Bloemink provided an update. Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the epidemic (EPI) curve related to COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. • The vast majority of cases and hospitalizations continue to be among unvaccinated individuals. • On September 13, Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry issued a public health order where people will need to show proof of full vaccination to enter certain businesses, including restaurants and public events. • Another public health order that mandates all health care workers in long-term care facilities to be fully vaccinated comes into effect on October 12, and on October 26, that public health order will be extended to all health care workers. • As directed by Dr. Bonnie Henry, we need to reach a vaccination rate of over 90% in order to achieve immunity. • Interior Health will administer the third dose of the vaccine for the segment of the population that are in long-term care or are severely immuno-compromised. <p>The presenters answered questions from the Board.</p> <p>Information on vaccination clinics throughout the Interior Health region including other information related to COVID-19 is available on the IH website at www.interiorhealth.ca. For those individuals that do not have access to a digital device, they should contact their local health centre.</p>
2.2	<p>Long-Term Care Services in Interior Health</p> <p>Dr. Shallen Letwin and Dr. Sue MacDonald provided a presentation of Long-Term Care (LTC) services in Interior Health. Discussion points included:</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the population aged 65+ which is projected to grow by 28% by 2040. • Seniors have complex health care needs and it is important that we understand the nature of these conditions in order to provide appropriate care. • Interior Health has 6,061 publicly funded long-term care beds and a total of 85 owned and operated, contracted partner and fully private long-term care homes within the region. • Approach to care includes a focus on access, people, quality, research and innovation, and performance. <p>The presenters answered questions from the Board.</p> <p>The presentation is available on the IH website at www.interiorhealth.ca, Board of Directors meeting page.</p>	
3.0 STANDING REPORTS			
3.1	President & CEO	<p>Susan Brown provided an update. Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 30 marked the National Truth and Reconciliation Day. • Interior Health welcomed Addie Pryce to the Senior Leadership team in September. Ms. Pryce is the Vice President for Aboriginal Partnerships. • Wildfire activity in the Interior region was significant this summer. From June 30 to August 19, there were 978 individuals from 28 facilities across Interior Health who were evacuated due to wildfire. This included 26 patients in acute care, 932 residents in Long-Term Care and Assisting Living and 20 from Home and Community. We are grateful for the support we received from our staff, 	



		<p>community partners and provincial health authority partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We continue to experience the effects of the illicit toxic drug supply in our province. Episodic Overdose Prevention Services (eOPS) have been successfully implemented in Cranbrook, Lillooet, Penticton, 100 Mile House and the Elk Valley. As a result, new engagement occurred with vulnerable populations in rural communities where no other low-barrier services existed.• The Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Patient Care Tower (PCT) project is on schedule with operational planning underway. The new emergency department at the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) opened recently.• Interior Health remains engaged in the provincial response and immunization campaign. We would like to thank all staff, physicians and volunteers across the region for their commitment during these challenging times.	
3.2	Board Chair	Doug Cochrane expressed gratitude and acknowledgement on behalf of the Board to all of our staff and medical staff for their extraordinary efforts and commitment over the past twenty months.	
4.0	ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm		