

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

Northwestel Tower Boardroom, Yellowknife, NT
Thursday March 1, 2018

In Attendance: Mr. James Antoine - Chairperson
Ms. Gina Dolphus
Ms. Elizabeth Biscaye
Mr. Ted Blondin
Ms. Ethel-Jean Gruben – Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael Maher
Ms. Ruby Simba

Regrets: Mr. Bruce Cooper
Ms. Patricia Schaefer

Executive & Staff: Ms. Sue Cullen, CEO, Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority, (NTHSSA)
Mr. Tim Van Overliw, Executive Director, Corporate Support Services (NTHSSA)
Ms. Gillian Moir, Senior Advisor to the CEO (NTHSSA)
Ms. Jessica Simpson, Project Coordinator Indigenous Health (DHSS)
Mr. Charles Pitre, French Languages Services Coordinator (STH)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER/REFLECTION

Mr. Jim Antoine led the Leadership Council in an opening prayer.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared relevant to the agenda.

Safety and Emergency Procedures

Ms. Cullen provided information on safety and emergency procedures of the room and facility.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY MS.GINA DOLPHUS, SECONDED BY MS. ELIZABETH BISCAYE, that the agenda for the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council Public Meeting of March 01, 2018, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY MS. ELIZABETH BISCAYE, SECONDED BY MS. RUBY SIMBA, the minutes from the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council Public Meeting of November 28, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Mr. Antoine welcomed everyone to the public meeting and advised that the proceedings are available throughout the NWT via a conference call phone line.

Mr. Antoine provided an oral report highlighting:

- The importance of continuing to build upon the development work being undertaken by the Leadership Council, and adhering to the roles and responsibilities as established by the Minister of Health and Social Services. These provide Leadership Council direction related to their roles in contributing to the development of system goals that improve quality care and are being implemented through the Business planning process.
- The conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the Leadership Council were discussed. Communication of future travel schedules is requested. A future meeting with members of cabinet is proposed.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Members provided written reports summarizing the activities of the Regional Wellness Councils over the last several months. In summary, regional updates included:

- Regional Wellness Council membership status and selection process

- Shingles vaccine
- Poverty impacts
- Medical travel: complaints process, escorts, language barriers, boarding home food.
- Diabetes program
- Midwifery Services Promotion
- Palliative Care Conference and recommendations
- Options for communication of Leadership Council/RWC roles to the public.
- Ambulance service costs.
- Increasing awareness on the effects of drug use and offering more supports for addictions.
- Length of time spent in communities for travel teams.
- Mental health support options for homeless clients- a future presentation on the safe ride program in YK is requested.
- Training local people to deliver mental health programs and cultural activities within communities
- Aftercare programs for clients returning from treatment
- Dental Care
- Social Work Program
- Family Violence awareness and supports.

Mr. Blondin provided an oral report of recent activities of the Tlicho Community Services Agency (TCSA) Board which included Accreditation Canada progress, a recent Board meeting that included a strategic plan review, risk management reporting and approval of the budget for the region. The member also attended the Palliative Care Conference and recommends using this guideline for improved care of elders in the North.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NTHSSA REPORT

Ms. Cullen, CEO (NTHSSA), was in attendance to provide a written report dated March 1, 2018, see attached report for details.

DEPUTY MINISTER REPORT

Mr. Cooper, CEO (NTHSSA), was not in attendance, and has provided a hard copy written report dated March 1, 2018, see attached report for details.

DECISION ITEMS

2018-17LC.14

Review of NTHSSA 2018-2019 Budget

Ms. Sue Cullen, CEO (NTHSSA) informs the Leadership Council that the budget submission is required to be approved prior to March 2nd, 2018.

The NWT HSS Leadership Council approves the 2018-19 Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority operating budget for submission to the Department of Health and Social Services.

The Members do hereby resolve that:

The Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority operating budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is approved for submission to the Department of Health and Social Services.

MOVED BY MR. MIKE MAHER, SECONDED BY MS. ETHEL-JEAN GRUBEN

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-17LC.15

Medical and Professional Staff Bylaw amendment

The NTHSSA has considered the processes required to adhere to the Bylaws. Moving to reviews every three years rather than every two will ensure the work is more manageable and aligns with the other jurisdictional approaches.

The NWT HSS Leadership Council recommends to the Minister of Health and Social Services that Section 18.4 (b), (d) of the Medical and Professional Staff Bylaws be amended to change the timeline for Periodic Reviews of staff from two to three years.

The Members do hereby resolve that:

The Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council recommend the Minister of Health and Social Services amend Section 18.4 (b), (d) of the Medical and Professional Staff By-laws timelines for Periodic Reviews of staff from two to three years.

MOVED BY MS.ELIZABETH BISCAYE, SECONDED BY MR. MIKE MAHER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Leadership Council review and discuss the information items provided in the meeting package.

NEXT MEETING

Leadership Council member Gina Dolphus will confirm if a date during the week of August 15-21st, 2018 can be finalized for a meeting to take place in Deline.

CLOSING PRAYER

Ms. **Elizabeth Biscaye** led the Leadership Council in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNED

The meeting of the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



