

Leadership Council Budget Meeting – Minutes

March 24, 2022 Virtual Meeting, Yellowknife, NT

PRESENT:

- Mr. Jim Antoine, Chairperson
- Ms. Ethel-Jean Gruben, Vice Chairperson and Chair, Beaufort Delta Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Brian Willows, Chair, Hay River Health and Social Services Authority
- Ms. Nancy Trotter, Chair, Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Bruce Cooper, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services
- Ms. Ruby Simba, Chair, Dehcho Regional Wellness Council
- Ms. Gina Dolphus, Chair, Sahtu Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Ted Blondin, Chair, Tlicho Community Services Agency

- Ms. Kim Riles, Chief Executive Officer, NTHSSA
- Ms. Marissa Martin, Chief Financial Officer, NTHSSA
- Mr. Tim VanOverliw, Executive Director, Corporate & Support Services, NTHSSA
- Mr. Bob Laramy, Executive Director, System Sustainability, NTHSSA
- Mr. Kevin Whitehead, Senior Advisor to the CEO, NTHSSA
- Mr. Allen Stanzell, Senior Advisor, Governance NTHSSA

GUEST PRESENTERS:

- Ms. Sabet Biscaye, Special Advisor – Women’s Advisory, Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Ms. Teresa Hayward, Gender and Diversity Analyst, Exec. and Indigenous Affairs
- Ms. Melanie Dene, Gender and Diversity Officer, Exec. And Indigenous Affairs

REGRETS:

- Mrs. Phyllis Mawdsley, Chair, Fort Smith Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Bruce Cooper, Deputy Minister, GNWT Health and Social Services

1.0 Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

2.0 Reflection/Prayer

Mr. Antoine led the Leadership Council in an opening prayer in his language.

3.0 Attendance

Attendance was noted as above by the Senior Advisor, Governance.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented, with no conflicts of interest declared.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approves the Agenda for the 2022-23 Budget Meeting as presented.

Motion: Ms. Trotter

Second: Ms. Dolphus

LC22/03-001 – Carried Unanimously

5.0 Budget Presentation

The CEO and CFO presented the 2022-23 NTHSSA Operating Budget, reflecting year-over-year changes to the realistic estimate of expected revenues and expenses. The Budget requests an authorized overspend of \$32.6 million. The Budget presentation highlighted expenses like Adult southern placement, corrections health services, and medical travel, expected to be higher during the year but potentially offset by higher revenue through Forced Growth or Supplementary funding.

With important variances for Quarters 3 and 4 still to be finalized, and the likely need for further clarifications with the Department of Health and Social Services, the Finance team is confident no material changes will affect the requested over-spend after LC approval of the Budget.

Council recognized the reporting improvements this year, like the inclusion of information on unfunded costs, as an important measure to improve financial oversight and accountability to make better decisions going forward. Members thanked the CFO and her team for this approach, and approved the Budget as presented.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approves the 2022-23 NTHSSA Operating Budget with a deficit of \$32,6,000, as considered on March 24, 2022, for submission to the Department of Health and Social Services.

Motion: Mr. Willows

Second: Mr. Blondin

LC22/03-002 – Carried Unanimously

	Description	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Q3 Projections to Year-End (excluding COVID*)	2022-2023 Budget	Budget Changes (2021-2022 to 2022-2023)
Revenue	Core Revenue	315,497,000	332,557,000	329,807,000	14,310,000
	Other Revenue	65,132,267	61,080,000	69,863,000	4,730,733
		380,629,367	393,637,000	399,670,000	19,040,633
Expenses					
	C&B(Not Including Physicians)	210,968,445	204,831,691	222,661,580	11,693,135
	Less Vacancy Factor	(14,948,927)		(15,190,000)	(241,073)
	Net C&B	196,019,518	204,831,691	207,471,580	11,452,062
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	Physician Services(Salaries and Contracts)	46,660,827	47,773,979	49,681,389	3,020,562
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	O&M	160,491,922	162,710,582	175,140,000	14,648,078
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	Total Expenses	403,172,267	415,316,252	432,292,969	29,120,702
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Net Deficit		(22,542,900)	(21,679,252)	(32,622,969)	(10,080,069)

* \$28.762 million estimated COVID Revenue and Exp

6.0 Endemic Plan

The Council reviewed a presentation for endemic planning for the management of NTHSSA resources for COVID-19 after the public health orders are no longer in place. Lessons learned during the pandemic, like the impact on demand for Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, and Infection Prevention and Control services, were reviewed in the plan development.

The approach is to end emergency planning, but maintain sufficient operational flexibility for surge response while minimizing the risk of closures and service disruptions. A GNWT funding submission is being developed to address ongoing costs associated with the 1-year endemic plan, with future pandemic related operational adjustment to be determined.

Members expressed support for the approach to the endemic plan, and moving ahead with preliminary work, while recognizing some risk to the financial results of NTHSSA based on the uncertainty of unknown pandemic

impacts during the year and unconfirmed funding requests.

7.0 Draft GNWT Action Plan for MMIWG

The Council was pleased to receive a presentation on the Draft GNWT Action Plan to address the Calls for Justice on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ([available at this link](#)).

The GNWT reviewed existing programs and services in all departments against the Calls for Justice, resulting in 95 recommendations to change the relationship between the GNWT by improving daily interactions with Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual plus (2SLGBTQQA+) people.

Preliminary community engagement will begin February 21 with monthly teleconferences and standing offers for presentations to leadership. Members appreciated the emotional nature of stories behind the Calls for Justice, and the need to keep untold stories in the forefront

8.0 In Camera Session

No in camera session was required.

9.0 Reflection/Prayer

Ms. Dolphus led the Leadership Council in a closing prayer.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn

The Budget Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority closes its March 24, 2022 Budget Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Blondin

Second: Ms. Trotter

LC22/03-003 – Carried Unanimously



Chairperson Approval Signature

June 16, 2022

Date