



# **NTHSSA Leadership Council**

# 2021/22 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

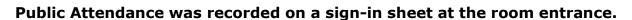
# September 29, 2022 Yellowknife, NT

# Explorer Hotel - Katimavik Rooms D/E

#### PRESENT:

- The Honourable Julie Green Minister of Health and Social Services
- Mr. Gerry Cheezie Chairperson, Leadership Council
- Mr. Brian Willows Chair, Hay River Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Ted Blondin Chair, Tlicho Community Services Agency and Deputy Chairperson, Leadership Council
- Ms. Phyllis Mawdsley Chair, Fort Smith Regional Wellness Council
- Ms. Nancy Trotter Chair, Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council
- Ms. Kyla Kakfwi-Scott Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Cultural Safety, for Ms. Jo-Anne Cecchetto, Deputy Minister, DHSS
- Mr. Jim Antoine Past Chairperson, Leadership Council
- Ms. Kim Riles Chief Executive Officer, NTHSSA
- Ms. Erin Griffiths Chief Executive Officer, Hay River HSSA
- Ms. Marissa Martin Chief Financial Officer, NTHSSA
- Ms. Penny Hill Executive Director, Clinical Integration, NTHSSA
- Dr. Claudia Kraft Territorial Medical Director, NTHSSA
- Ms. Kristy Jones Exec. Director, Child, Family & Community Wellness, NTHSSA
- Mr. Tim VanOverliw Exec. Director, Corporate & Support Services, NTHSSA
- Mr. Bob Laramy Exec. Director, System Sustainability Initiative, NTHSSA
- Ms. Jennifer Torode Chief Operating Officer, Stanton Terr. Hospital, NTHSSA
- Ms. Arlene Jorgensen Chief Operating Officer, Beaufort Delta Region, NTHSSA
- Ms. Mireille Hamlyn Chief Operating Officer, Sahtu Region, NTHSSA
- Ms. Barbara Chaulk Chief Operating Officer, Dehcho Region, NTHSSA
- Ms. Sujata Ganguli Chief Operating Officer, Fort Smith Region, NTHSSA
- Ms. Lorie-Anne Danielson Chief Operating Officer, Yellowknife Region, NTHSSA
- Mr. Allen Stanzell Senior Advisor, Governance, NTHSSA
- Mr. Kevin Whitehead Senior Advisor, CEO, NTHSSA
- Ms. Sheena Wasiuta Senior Advisor, Employee Engagement, NTHSSA
- Ms. Elizabeth King Ministerial Special Advisor, DHSS
- Mr. Nicholas Yuen Executive Secretary, NTHSSA





The 2021-22 Annual General meeting opened at 7 pm, with a public reception. The Honourable Julie Green, Minister of Health and Social Services, offered remarks expressing gratitude to Mr. Jim Antoine, inaugural Chairperson of the Leadership Council, and welcoming Mr. Gerry Cheezie as the new Chairperson effective mid-August 2022.

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

# 2.0 Reflection/Prayer

Mr. Blondin offered the opening prayer.

### 3.0 Attendance

The head table offered their introductions, with the Senior Advisor, Governance recording the attendance of all in the room as above, including a list of public attendees recorded on a sign-in sheet at the room entrance.

The AGM was also livestreamed on the NTHSSA you Tube channel. Copies of the 2021-22 NTHSSA Annual Report were available in the meeting room.

### 4.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflict of interest declarations for this meeting.

# 5.0 Approval of Agenda

The Chairperson of the Leadership Council reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He confirmed at the end of the meeting there would be an opportunity for the public and media to ask questions.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approved the agenda for the 2021/22 Annual General Meeting held on September 29, 2022, as presented.

Motion: Mr. Willows Second: Ms. Trotter

AGM22/09-001 - Carried Unanimously

#### 6.0 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all those attending in person and virtually, and commented about looking forward to fulfilling his role and working to





improve the programs and services provided to NWT residents.

#### 7.0 Presentation

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed everyone to the AGM, and presented a summary of the 2021/22 Annual Report of NTHSSA. Operations are guided by the system strategic framework, based on priorities areas of population health and equity of outcomes; better access to better services; quality, efficiency and sustainability; and a stable and representative workforce.

The year was highlighted by a continued joint Authority (NTHSSA, TCSA, and Hay River HSSA) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in human resource challenges to respond to emergencies related to the pandemic, while ensuring continuity of care for residents through testing, contact tracing, vaccine delivery, and facility-based care if required. This included mobilization of a rapid response team for community outbreaks.

Other operational highlights include the initiation or enhancement of employee engagement and development activities to help address staff burnout and morale issues; support for the Health and Social Services System Sustainability office; expansion of Territorial screening programs and enhancement of mental health services; improvements to partnerships with Alberta Health Services for medical oncology; and support to flood relief efforts in the Dehcho region.

The presentation also included a summary of financial results and pressures that resulted in an annual deficit of \$33.76 million for the fiscal year. NTHSSA continues to work with the Departments of Health and Social Services and Finance to analyze cost drivers in detail, and review sustainability measures for the future. The next year is also expected to focus on the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency while remaining available for pandemic response, and minimizing the impact of system recruitment and retention challenges.

# 8.0 Decision – Approval of the 2020/21 Annual Report

The public asked several questions about the information presented, and also expressed appreciation for NTHSSA work during the pandemic.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approved the 2021/22 Annual Report, as presented on September 29, 2022.





Motion: Mr. Willows Second: Ms. Trotter

AGM22/09-002 - Carried Unanimously

The Leadership Council members expressed appreciation and gratitude to the management team and staff at NTHSSA for their work during the year, and thanked the public for attending

# 9.0 Reflection/Prayer

Mr. Blondin offered the closing prayer.

## 10.0 Motion to Adjourn

The Annual General Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority closed its 2021/22 Annual General Meeting.

Motion: Ms. Mawdsley Second: Ms. Trotter

AGM22/09-003 - Carried Unanimously

June 28, 2023

Chairperson Approval Signature

Date