

NTHSSA Leadership Council
2020/21 Annual General Meeting – Minutes
November 30, 2021 Yellowknife, NT

Stanton Territorial Hospital – Administration Conference Room

PRESENT:

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

- Ms. Kim Riles – Chief Executive Officer, NTHSSA
- Ms. Georgina Veldhorst – Chief Operating Officer, Stanton Territorial Hospital, NTHSSA
- Mr. Allen Stanzell – Senior Advisor, Governance, NTHSSA
- Ms. Kayla Gagnon – Administrative Assistant, NTHSSA

(at Joe Tobie Building, 3rd Floor, NTHSSA Large Boardroom)

- Ms. Joanne Engram – Acting Executive Director, Clinical Integration, NTHSSA
- Dr. AnneMarie Pegg – Territorial Medical Director, NTHSSA
- Ms. Nathalie Nadeau – Executive Director, Child, Family and Community Wellness, NTHSSA
- Mr. Tim VanOverliw – Executive Director, Corporate & Shared Services, NTHSSA
- Mr. Kevin Whitehead – Senior Advisor, CEO

The board room locations at Stanton Territorial Hospital and the Joe Tobie Building were linked virtually. Additional regional NTHSSA management, the public, and media attended the AGM virtually or by phone.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2.0 Reflection/Prayer

Ms. Dolphus led the Leadership Council in an opening prayer.

3.0 Attendance

The Chairperson asked everyone at the Stanton and Joe Tobie board rooms to introduce themselves. The Senior Advisor, Governance recorded the attendance.

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 2020/21 Annual General Meeting held on November 30, 2021, as presented.

Motion: Mr. Willows

Second: Mr. Blondin

AGM21/11-001 – Carried Unanimously

6.0 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all those attending in person and virtually, acknowledging the Annual General Meeting is being held on Chief Drygeese Territory. Mr. Antoine acknowledged the challenges faced by NWT residents and NTHSSA over the last year, and thanked his Leadership Council colleagues, NTHSSA management, practitioners, and staff across the health and social services system for their commitment to providing the best possible care and services to our people during this time.

The Chairperson commented that despite pandemic-related challenges, the work to improve NTHSSAs client-centred, culturally safe model of care continued, as referenced in the upcoming presentation from the Chief Executive Officer, and Leadership Council approval of the 2020/21 Annual Report, which includes the approved 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements.

7.0 Presentation

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed everyone to the AGM, and presented a summary of milestones and key operational highlights for 2020/21, based on the strategic direction and aims of NTHSSA. The COVID-19 pandemic presented a year of extraordinary challenges, with a dedicated team assigned to provide consistent collaboration and oversight for the NWTs pandemic response. Key highlights of this response included the development of rigorous COVID-19 testing and contact tracing capacity within the NWT, and the largest vaccine rollout in NWT history.

Other operational highlights include: piloting of cultural competency training for NTHSSA employees, the ongoing transition to a single financial system, improvements to NTHSSs orientation and onboarding program, organized NWT programs for colorectal and breast cancer screening, more focus on providing care closer to home, improved suicide prevention and crisis response programming, the enhancement of Integrated Care Teams and other service innovations to support culturally safe relationship-based care (Primary Health Care Reform), improved in-patient services for mental health and addictions clients, and continued progress in transforming the Child and Family Services system to better meet the needs of NWT children, youth, families, and communities.

The presentation also included a summary of financial results and pressures, highlighting the need for the health and social services system to improve sustainability through operational efficiencies, quality improvements, and service scope adjustments. The year ahead is expected to continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, against a backdrop of renewed strategic aims, and prioritized efforts to minimize staffing challenges across NTHSSA likely to increase as a result of the pandemic.

The Leadership Council clarified questions around staffing models, cyber security, and the family preservation service model. It was recommended to include information from the Child, Family and Community Wellness division where possible in future NTHSSA Annual Reports.

8.0 Decision – Approval of the 2020/21 Annual Report

The Leadership Council members were provided with a copy of the 2020/21 NTHSSA Annual Report.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approved the 2020/21 Annual Report, as presented on November 30, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Trotter
Second: Ms. Gruben
AGM21/11-002 – Carried Unanimously

The Chairperson advised the public and media the floor was open for their questions, this portion of the meeting was moderated by the Senior Advisor, Governance. There were no questions.

9.0 Reflection/Prayer

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

10.0 Motion to Adjourn

The Annual General Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority closed its 2020/21 Annual General Meeting.

Motion: Ms. Simba
Second: Ms. Mawdsley
AGM21/11-003 – Carried Unanimously



Chairperson Approval Signature

February 17, 2022

Date