

## **NTHSSA Leadership Council**

### **Budget Meeting – Minutes**

**February 9, 2021 Yellowknife, NT**

**Telemerge Meeting hosted at Joe Tobie Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Large Boardroom**

#### **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 Health and Social Services Authority
- Ms. Patricia Schaefer, Chair, Fort Smith Regional Wellness Council
- Ms. Ruby Simba, Chair, Dehcho Regional Wellness Council
- Ms. Nancy Trotter, Chair, Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council
  
- Ms. Sue Cullen, Chief Executive Officer, NTHSSA
- Ms. Gloria Badari, Chief Financial Officer, NTHSSA
- Mr. Kevin Whitehead, Senior Advisor to the CEO, NTHSSA
- Mr. Allen Stanzell, Senior Advisor, Governance NTHSSA

#### **REGRETS:**

- Mr. Ted Blondin, Chair, Tlicho Community Services Agency
- Mr. Bruce Cooper, Deputy Minister, GNWT Health and Social Services

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

#### **2.0 Reflection/Prayer**

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

#### **3.0 Attendance**

All attended by telemerge, except Jim Antoine, Sue Cullen, Gloria Badari, Kevin Whitehead, and Allen Stanzell attended in person at the Joe Tobie Building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor large boardroom.

#### 4.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

#### 5.0 Budget Presentation

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer led Council through the details of the 2021/22 NTHSSA Operating Budget. Both expressed gratitude to the NTHSSA management team for pulling together the Budget over several months, and confidence that the Budget was an accurate representation of the operating revenues and expenditures expected next fiscal year. Some gaps in funding versus costs remain in collective agreement provisions, physician services, unfunded services, and out of territory costs including medical travel.

8-Feb-21	BUDGET	
	2020-21	2021-2022
VACANCY RATE	8%	0%
<b>REVENUE</b>		
CORE FUNDING	301,401,000	315,497,000
OTHER	63,624,283	63,624,283
	<u>365,025,283</u>	<u>379,121,283</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	384,267,283	416,364,283
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<u>(19,242,000)</u>	<u>(37,243,000)</u>
Revised deficit for 20/21	<u>(19,242,000)</u>	<u>(37,243,000)</u>
21/22 Vacancy Factor 8%		14,700,000
<b>Deficit with 8% Vacancy &amp; new CA Funding</b>	<u>(19,242,000)</u>	<u>(22,543,000)</u>
<b>Growth in Deficit from 20/21 to 21/22</b>		<u>(3,301,000)</u>

“Other revenues” includes contribution agreements, 3rd party funding, billings and recoveries. There is no net growth in positions without an identified funding source.

Council was appreciative of the amount of work done on the Budget, specifically the inclusion of consideration for performance pay for employees. Council noted the strategy around the vacancy factor, and the potential for

2020/21 Q3 and Q4 results to adversely impact some of the assumptions and estimates for the 2021/22 Operating Budget.

While comfortable with the direction of the budget, Council expressed concern over the ongoing embedded deficit. The CEO noted COVID costs are tracked separately to be covered by specific COVID funding from Canada, and pointed to the financial sustainability plan as critical to future discussions about the underlying issues causing NTHSSA Budget deficits. Council pointed out the importance of aligning the Operational Plan with the Sustainability Plan going forward.

#### **6.0 Decision – Approval of the 2021-2022 NTHSSA Operating Budget**

The Leadership Council approved the 2021-2022 NTHSSA Operating Budget.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approves the 2021/22 NTHSSA Operating Budget with a deficit of \$22,543,000, as considered on February 9, 2021, for submission to the Department of Health and Social Services.

**Motion: Mr. Brian Willows**  
**Second: Ms. Ethel-Jean Gruben**  
**LC21/02-001 – Carried Unanimously**

#### **7.0 Reflection/Prayer**

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

#### **8.0 Motion to Adjourn**

The Budget Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority closes its February 9, 2021 Budget Meeting.

**Motion: Ms. Ruby Simba**  
**Second: Ms. Nancy Trotter**  
**LC21/02-002 – Carried Unanimously**

  
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Chairperson Approval Signature

March 04, 2021

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Date