

NTHSSA Leadership Council – Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021 Yellowknife, NT

2020/21 Audit Findings and Audited Financial Statements

PRESENT:

- Mr. Jim Antoine – Chairperson
- Ms. Ethel-Jean Gruben – Vice Chairperson, and Chair, Beaufort Delta Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Brian Willows – Chair, Hay River Regional Wellness Council
- 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. Elizabeth Johnson – Acting Chief Financial Officer, NTHSSA
- Mr. Allen Stanzell – Senior Advisor, Governance, NTHSSA

REGRETS:

- Ms. Gina Dolphus – Chair, Sahtu Regional Wellness Council
- Mr. Ted Blondin – Chair, Tliche Community Services Agency

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL GUEST PRESENTERS:

- Mr. David Irving, Principal
- Ms. Michelle Smith, Director
- Mr. Andrew Ross, Audit Project Leader

The Leadership Council met by teleconference to consider the 2020-21 Audit Report and Audited Financial Statements presented by the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.

1.0 Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM, and welcomed everyone attending the teleconference.

2.0 Reflection/Prayer

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

3.0 Attendance

The Chairperson asked everyone on the teleconference to introduce themselves. The Senior Advisor, Governance recorded the attendance as above.

4.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflict of interest declarations for this meeting.

5.0 Agenda

The Chairperson of the Leadership Council reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

6.0 2020/21 Audit Report

The OAG team reviewed their Audit Report, which included their Audit Opinion and status, and risk-based audit, accounting and financial reporting results and findings, and recommendations to resolve concerns.

Following on concerns raised in the prior year, the OAG identified significant risks in the areas of Audit readiness, compliance with the *Financial Administration Act*, billings, inventory, critical accounting estimates, and the growing accumulated deficit. The audit identified no issues in the areas of payroll and management control of overrides.

The Audit resulted in an unmodified opinion with other relevant matters noted in paragraphs on the Audited Financial Statements to assist understanding of the Audit. Following adjustments the Audited Financial Statements were deemed to be free of material misstatement.

7.0 Approval of the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements

After the OAG team left the call, the A/CFO and CEO reviewed the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements with the Council.

Council thanked Ms. Johnson for her hard work to complete the Audit, and looked forward to the signed auditors report being included in the Annual Report to be submitted to the Minister. Members noted the increase in debt for the fiscal year, and the process to confirm variances from Budget in quarterly variance reports. Council also confirmed that pandemic-related costs and off-sets were included in the results.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority approved the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements, as presented on November 18, 2021.

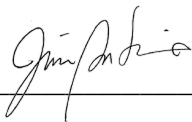
Motion: Mr. Willows
Second: Ms. Simba
LC21/11-001 – Carried Unanimously

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

The Leadership Council meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Leadership Council of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority closed its November 18, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Ms. Simba
Second: Ms. Mawdsley
LC21/11-002 – Carried Unanimously



Chairperson Approval Signature

February 17, 2022

Date