

October 24, 2024

Board of Directors – Public Minutes

Mill River Resort, Mill River

10:00 to 11:30 am

Chair: Ms. Diane Griffin

Members: Mr. Peter MacDonald, Ms. Megan Cheverie, Ms. Colleen Parker, Ms. Mona O'Shea, Ms. Jennifer Evans, Dr. William Montelpare, Mr. Matt Vaughan, Ms. Ouma Cuniah and Mr. Ryan Fahey

HPEI Staff: Ms. Melanie Fraser, CEO
Ms. Marilee Miller, Strategic Advisor to the CEO
Ms. Gina Beeley, Assistant to the Board (recorder)

Regrets: Dr. Richard Wedge (Vice Chair)

Guests: Western Hospital Foundation: Dave Pizio (Chair), Krystyna Pottier & Florence Cahill
O'Leary Community Foundation: Eva Rogerson (Chair), Gail Shaw, Alma Riggs & Ginny Bulger
Cheryl Banks, Acting Administrator, Community Hospitals West
Andrew Ramsay, Manager of Primary Care, West Prince
Matt MacFarlane, MLA, District 19
Michelle Patterson, Director of Policy & Research, Green Party

1.0 CONVENING THE MEETING

Ms. Diane Griffin, chair, welcomed our guests and the meeting convened at 10.02 am.

1.1 Declaration of Conflicts

There were no conflicts declared

1.2 Review of Agenda

The Chair reviewed the agenda for the public session

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Colleen Parker to approve October 24, 2024, Agenda

MOTION CARRIED

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Correspondence

The Chair reported an invitation from the Western Hospital Foundation's AGM, which was attended by Mr. Matt Vaughan and Mr. Peter MacDonald. Dave Pizio, Chair of the Western Hospital Foundation, had sent a question by email, which will be addressed during the stakeholder questions.

2.2 Health PEI Board Minutes

June 26, 2024, public meeting minutes have been circulated to the Board.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the minutes from June 26, 2024, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 CEO Report to Islanders

Ms. Mel Fraser, CEO, thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this public meeting. The highlights were as follows: -

- Mandate to improve access to healthcare, care in the community, Primary Care, access to digital imaging and surgeries
- The establishment of the transformation office to support the CEO in addressing the major challenges, capacity issues are paramount
- Dashboards, access to data, are being employed and improved
- Cleaning the Patient Registry
- Establishing Provincial plans and the operational model for the PCH, expanding the Patient Medical Homes (PMHs), setting up best practice, facilitation and staffing to attract and retain resources
- Working closely with UPEI to build a Learning Health system to support the new Medical School, a learning environment is needed
- Working towards better access to healthcare, lower wait times and cleaning the Patient Registry
- Acute care centres are striving for improvement, working with community and municipal staff and structures

Ms. Fraser has been hosting events for the PCH Foundation and is happy to help with any events planned by the Foundations here at the meeting.

The Chair thanked Ms. Fraser for the report.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Cuniah to approve the CEO Report to Islanders.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 Board Chair Report

The Chair delivered her report, the highlights were

- The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance
- The Chair particularly welcomed the new Board Member, Mona O'Shea, a resident of Mermaid and an RN.
- The Board is now at full capacity, with a range of expertise and skills, as well as being geographically dispersed across the Island
- Dr. Wedge's has stepped back as he is working as Acting Chief Medical Officer
- The Community Health Engagement Committee has now reformed
- October 28, 2024, marks our Annual General Meeting at the Delta, Charlottetown 6 – 8 pm, everyone is invited; it is also livestreamed for those who cannot make it in person

MOTION: It was moved by the Chair to accept her report, seconded by Ms. Parker.

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 RESOLUTIONS/ MOTIONS

4.1 Resolutions and Motions from the Public & in-camera sessions:

#1 It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Colleen Parker to approve October 24, 2024, Agenda.

#2 It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the minutes from June 26, 2024, as circulated.

#3 It was moved by Dr. Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Cuniah to approve the CEO Report to Islanders.

#4 It was moved by the Chair to accept her report, seconded by Ms. Parker.

#5 Mr. Peter MacDonald moved to adjourn the public meeting at 11:33 am.

#6 It was moved by Matt Vaughan and seconded by Ryan Fahey to take the meeting in-camera in accordance with the Health Services Act 7.1 (3).

#7 It was moved by Ouma Cuniah and seconded by Dr. William Montelpare to approve the October 24, 2024, agenda.

#8 Matt Vaughan moved to approve OE 2.4 Financial Conditions & Activities (Quarter 2 Forecast) as presented on October 17, 2024, subject to no material change, seconded by Peter MacDonald.

#9 Matt Vaughan moved to approve the ARP Committee Report, seconded by Megan Cheverie.

- #10 It was moved by Ms. Evans and seconded by Colleen Parker to approve the HR Report
- #11 Dr. Montelpare moved to approve OE 2.1 Quality & Safety (Quarter 1), in compliance provision 4.1 and non-compliant in 4.2, seconded by Mona O'Shea.
- #12 It was moved by Dr Montelpare and seconded by Colleen Parker to approve the Quality & Safety Report.
- #13 It was moved by Ryan Fahey and seconded by Colleen Parker to approve the CHEC Report as submitted.
- #14 It was moved by the Chair to accept her report, seconded by Colleen Parker.
- #15 Megan Cheverie moved to accept the CEO Risk Report, seconded by Mona O'Shea.
- #16 It was moved by the Chair to accept her report, seconded by Colleen Parker.
- #17 Colleen Parker moved to adjourn at 4:00 pm, meeting adjourned.

All Motions were carried

5.0 MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVES

No Ministerial directives received.

6.0 QUESTION PERIOD

6.1 Local Stakeholder Questions

The Board held an open question period for all guests to participate in.

Mr. Dave Pizio, Chair of the Western Hospital Foundation, asked whether Health PEI had any operational budget to help fund the establishment of accommodation for Locums, travel nurses and training nurses. Ms. Fraser feels that this is a fair request, and there is a proposal from PCH which is like this. She advises that Mr. Pizio puts together a proposal that can seek funding from both the Government and Health PEI. She is all in favour of alleviating a problem efficiently, Ms. Jennifer Evans suggested that they reach out to PCH Foundation to inquire how they put their proposal together.

Ms. Krystyna Pottier highlighted a CBC article that CIHI had produced, indicating that Canadians access to primary care nationally is over 80%. The CEO questioned what they mean as access to healthcare. The CEO went on to reiterate how important it is to have the Patient Registry cleaned up as soon as possible. Historically this has been a manual system, and we need to replace this with a solution that considers duplications, eligibility, geographical details and Islanders who have joined the registry in case their own Physician leaves. So far, since being part of the Transformation Office, there have been 4713 removed from the registry, with a new digital platform planned to be implemented Spring 2025. 90% of Island Physicians have access to the Electronic Medical Records (EMR.)

When questioned on Master planning, the CEO responded that estimated costs have escalated so high, that Health PEI are in the process of down-scaling to provide affordable and justifiable plans. Staff,

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services and quality are paramount, not beautiful facilities. Health PEI relies on the Government to handle multi-million-dollar projects.

There was a discussion on the access of Mental Health Care and the CEO emphasized the need to improve access to adjacent services and home care. Community involvement and needs must be part of the planning. There are referral systems through providers and hospitals, but not enough.

Eva Rogerson, the Chair of the O'Leary Community Foundation, remarked on how pleased her Foundation is with the development of the Medical School.

There was a discussion as to whether the Material requirements Planning (MRP) is the same for East and Western areas of the Island, is the terms of Reference the same? The CEO has not made a side-by-side comparison and has no reason to believe they differ.

Mr. Matt Vaughan asked whether we are maximizing efficiency by using services provided by neighbouring Provinces and are there agreements in place? The CEO responded that the current system is very thin, hence the tremendous effort to rebuild. No-one is satisfied with the patches being used, we need a system that is robust, without the necessity for Travel Nurses and Locums. Ideally, we need to aim for a system with redundancies which can accommodate high consumption when needed. We have more flexible licenses than ever before, and these inter-jurisdictional services are part of the Medical School Learning System.

The Chair thanked the guests for their time and attendance.

ADJOURNMENT of the Public Meeting

Mr. Peter MacDonald moved to adjourn at 11:33 am.

The next board meeting will be held in Charlottetown on December 6, 2024.

<i>Date Approved:</i>	<i>Chair Signature:</i>
Dec 13, 2024	