

Health PEI

June 28, 2023

Board of Directors – Public Minutes

Rodd Brudenell River Resort

3:30 to 5 pm

Chair: Ms. Diane Griffin

Members: Mr. Peter MacDonald (Vice Chair), Ms. Helen Flynn, Dr. Richard Wedge, Ms. Megan Cheverie, Dr. Selvi Roy, Ms. Colleen Parker, Ms. Jennifer Evans, Dr. William Montelpare

HPEI Staff: Dr. Michael Gardam, CEO
Ms. Belinda White, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Gina Beeley, Assistant to the Board (recorder)

Guests: Mr. Martin Ruben (Virtual)
Mr. Ryan Murphy, Murphy's Pharmacies
Ms. Lisa Gallant, South Shore Pharmacy
Mr. Paul Gallant, Hunter River Pharmacy
Mr. Chris McKenna, McKenna's PharmaChoice

4.0 CONVENING THE MEETING

Ms. Diane Griffin, chair welcomed our guests and the meeting convened at 3:30 pm

4.1 Review of Agenda

The Chair reviewed the Agenda for the public session

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Wedge and seconded by Dr. Selvi Roy to approve the June 28, 2023 Agenda and the meeting moves in-camera in accordance with the Health Services Act 7.1 (3).

MOTION CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Health PEI Board Minutes

December 1, 2022 (No public meeting during the election campaign March 16, 2023)

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MOTION: It was moved by Dr. William Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Helen Flynn to approve the minutes from December 1, 2022 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Correspondence

The Chair reported correspondence from Mr. Martin Ruben concerning the Out-of-Province (OOP) expenses not covered by Health PEI. A copy of correspondence from pharmacy operators has been received. Both these issues will be part of this meeting. Correspondence from the Prince County Hospital (PCH) Foundation Board was received and led to a meeting between the Board and the Foundation in Summerside earlier in June 2023.

6.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 CEO Report to Islanders

Dr. Gardam addressed concerns that were prevalent in the media

- Physicians leaving the Island – Dr. Gardam stressed that Islanders should be in no doubt regarding the efforts of Health PEI staff to keep these physicians in place. Many of these physicians are in fee for service in private practices. Health PEI cannot step into a private business as it would undermine every other private practice in the province who operate under the same model. We offer MAPLE to all Island residents.
- Regarding the internists at Prince County Hospital, Health PEI cannot make an exception for a doctor to not be on call as specified in their contract, every internist employed needs to agree to this, otherwise no one would agree to be on call.
- The Intensive Care Unit is now a Progressive Care Unit at PCH because of lack of staff, we are implementing our best option as we can no longer staff an ICU.
- When we say that we are withdrawing service due to staffing, it is true. No-one chooses to make these difficult decisions. Our preference is not to withdraw service from any of our hospitals.
- Staff at Health PEI are taking well-earned and needed vacations
- The roll out of the Electronic Medical Records so far is working well with providers giving us a 75% approval rating. Only the few complaining are reported in the media.

6.2 Board Chair Report

In view of all the discussions and in the interests of time, the Chair felt that her report was not required.

7.0 RESOLUTIONS/ MOTIONS

Resolutions and Motions from the in-camera session:

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#1 It was moved by Dr. William Montelpare and seconded by Ms. Helen Flynn to approve the June 28, 2023 agenda and the meeting moves in-camera in accordance with the Health Services Act 7.1 (3).

#2 It was moved by Ms. Helen Flynn and seconded by Ms. Colleen Parker that the minutes of March 16, 2023 & Meeting Summary from April 12, 2023 be approved as circulated

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#4 It was moved by Mr. Peter MacDonald and seconded by Ms. Colleen Parker to accept the OE 2.4 Financial Conditions & Budget (Year End) as presented.

#5 It was moved by Mr. Peter MacDonald and seconded by Ms. Colleen Parker to accept the Draft Management Plan 2023-2025 as presented.

#6 It was moved by Mr. Peter MacDonald and seconded by Ms. Megan Cheverie to approve OE 2.5 Financial & Operational/ Capital Financial Budget as compliant.

#7 Mr. Peter MacDonald moved to approve the ARP Committee Report, seconded by Ms. Megan Cheverie.

#8 Ms. Jennifer Evans moved that the compliance report OE 2.8 Emergency Succession Planning be approved as amended, seconded by Mr. Peter MacDonald

#9 It was moved by Ms. Jennifer Evans and seconded by Mr. Peter MacDonald to approve the HR Report.

#10 Ms. Helen Flynn moved to approve OE 2.1 Quality & Safety (Quarter 4), in compliance provision 4.1 and non-compliant in 4.2, seconded by Dr. William Montelpare.

#11 Ms. Helen Flynn moved to approve OE 2.12 Medical Staff, seconded by Dr. William Montelpare.

#12 It was moved by Ms. Helen Flynn and seconded by Dr. William Montelpare to approve Quality & Safety Report as submitted.

#13 It was moved by Dr. William Montelpare and seconded by Dr. Richard Wedge to approve the A & P Applications approved by the PMAC committee.

#14 It was moved by Dr. Selvi Roy and seconded by Dr. William Montelpare to approve the A & P Application with restrictions as recommended by the PMAC Committee.

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#15 It was moved by Dr. Selvi Roy and seconded by Dr. William Montelpare to approve the A & P Application with restrictions as recommended by the PMAC Committee.

#16 It was moved by Dr. Richard Wedge to adopt, as submitted, the changes to the Medical Bylaws as per Section 93, seconded by Ms. Helen Flynn.

#17 It was moved by Dr. William Montelpare to move out of in-camera into the Public portion of the Meeting, in accordance with the Health Services Act 7.1, at 3:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Evans.

#18 It was moved by Dr. Richard Wedge to accept the Public Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Selvi Roy.

#19 It was moved by Dr. William Montelpare to accept the December 1, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Helen Flynn.

All Motions were carried

8.0 MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVES

No Ministerial directives received.

9.0 QUESTION PERIOD

9.1 Local Stakeholder Questions

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

9.1.1 Mr. Martin Ruben

Mr. Ruben presented virtually to the Board to ask them to consider recommending to the leadership of Health PEI to provide more financial assistance to those patients and families who are undergoing treatment in other provinces.

According to Mr. Ruben, other provinces are providing support that Health PEI is not providing, he feels that this is in contradiction to the Canada Health Act entitlement to provision of health services.

The Chair thanked Mr. Ruben for his time and his presentation. On behalf of the Board, she hopes that his circumstances and his wife's health improves soon.

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9.1.2 Pharmacy Owner/ Operators' Concerns regarding Pharmacy Plus

Mr. Ryan Murphy, Ms. Lisa Gallant, Mr. Paul Gallant & Mr. Chris McKenna joined the meeting. They are representing pharmacy operators from across the province. As a group they have written to the Minister of Health & Wellness, Mark McLane. They have also been in touch with staff from Health PEI. Mr. Murphy presented to the Board the group's frustration that no-one was listening to their concerns or asking for their input. This could potentially lead to a breakdown in community pharmacy services.

Dr. Gardam stated that he had not been aware of the situation and confirmed that he is always willing to sit down and discuss any issue. He asked them to set up a meeting with him in the near future and invite the Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, Lisa Thibeau, to join them.

The Chair thanked the guests for their time and their presentation.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked the Board for their time, Ms. Colleen Parker moved to adjourn at 4:45 pm. Next Board Meeting will be held at Mill River Resort, October 27, 2023.

<i>Date Approved:</i>	<i>Chair Signature:</i>
Oct 27, 2023.	

