



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011  
BEST WESTERN BARLCAY HOTEL  
4277 STAMP AVENUE, PORT ALBERNI, BC**

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Directors Don Hubbard, Chair  
Present: Frank Carson  
Michael Costello  
Shelley Garside  
Ellen Godfrey  
David Kruyt  
Vern Slaney  
Hans van de Sande

Staff Howard Waldner  
Present: Lynn Stevenson  
Richard Crow  
Georgina MacDonald  
Janet Shute, Recorder

1. Call to Order

Chair Hubbard called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. He confirmed that a quorum was present and welcomed the members of the public in attendance.

Roundtable introductions of the Board were made.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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2. Health Quality Committee

Director van de Sande noted that the Health Quality Committee held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

- The committee received the annual update from the Acute Interventional Services portfolio, and heard an excellent presentation on the Surgical Program in VIHA, and some of the quality measures that have been put in place, such as surgical check-lists and clinical order sets.
- The committee also received the semi-annual update from the Quality, Research & Safety Portfolio. VIHA has implemented a Combined Quality System and developed structures and processes to support consistent quality work

throughout VIHA. In addition, the Patient Safety Learning System, which allows for electronic reporting of incidents or near misses, has been fully implemented in all acute and community hospitals, as well as the Mt Waddington area, and implementation in residential care, home and community care, mental health and addiction services, seniors health, public health and Island ultrasound locations is well underway and will be complete by mid-summer.

- Lastly, the committee reviewed the Annual Infection Prevention & Control report, which highlights infection prevention and control activities undertaken within VIHA during the fiscal year April 2, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The report will be posted on our website in the near future.

### 3. Committee of the Whole

Director Godfrey advised that the purpose of the Committee of the Whole is to provide an opportunity for the Board to discuss strategic matters related to planning, quality and enterprise risk management.

- The Board received a semi-annual update on the major strategic challenges facing the organization and the mitigation strategies identified and underway to address gaps.
- The Board also reviewed the Three-Year Health Services Plan for the 2011/12 to 2013/14 fiscal years, which will be submitted to government for approval, and subsequently posted on our website.
- Each year the Canadian Institute for Health Improvement releases a report with a number of health indicators. This year's report was released to the public on June 8th and the Board received a summary of the indicators and data for VIHA. We are pleased to note that VIHA exceeded national averages in a number of areas including: lower acute care hospitalization rates compared to the national rate; hip fracture surgery rates are higher than the national average, meaning patients wait less time for this procedure; and rates for hip and knee replacements are higher than the national average.
- We received an update on the development of a Health Centre in Oceanside, which will provide both urgent and primary care services. Planning work is nearing completion, following which a detailed proposal will come forward to the Board for approval. However, the Board was pleased to learn that yesterday the Premier, while visiting Oceanside, confirmed her commitment to this project.
- The Board also received an update on the population health needs assessment and health services review that has been initiated for Local Health Area 70 – Alberni-Clayoquot.

4. Public Presentations

Chair Hubbard noted that there were no applications for presentation received for this meeting.

5. Questions & Answers

Chair Hubbard noted that there were no written questions submitted in advance of the meeting, and he opened the floor for further questions from the public.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am and members of the public were invited to join the Board and Executive at the open house.