

**NORTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Location: North East LHIN Office via Teleconference Call, North Bay, ON

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Participating: Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet, Chair
(*via Teleconference*) Margaret Ashcroft
Johanne Labonté
Claus Ott
Norm Wesley

Staff in Attendance: David Murray, Chief Executive Officer
Lianne Bettiol, Executive Assistant
Richard Joly, Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and
Allocations
Roch Legros, Administrative Assistant
Ann Matte, Senior Director, Planning, Integration and
Community Engagement

Guest (via teleconference): Eileen Clarke, Legal Counsel, Local Health Integration Network

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMING OF NEW DIRECTORS

Chair Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet welcomed the following new Directors of the North East LHIN Board: Johanne Labonté, Claus Ott and Norm Wesley.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared or identified.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

*Moved by Margaret Ashcroft; that the minutes of proceedings for the Board meeting of Friday, December 16, 2005 be approved as presented.
(Carried)*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda under "Reports from the Chair" as requested by Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet:

- 8.5 Orientation for the Board of Directors
- 8.6 Board Meetings

The following item was added to the agenda under "New Business" as requested by Norm Wesley:

- 10.1 Aboriginal Issues

PRESENTATIONS**Community Engagement Strategy - Update**

Ann Matte, Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement

French Language Health Services Working Group

Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet, Board Chair

Consulting Contracts – Transfer of Funds/Special Projects

Richard Joly, Senior Director, Performance, Contracts and Allocations

*Moved by Claus Ott, seconded by Margaret Ashcroft that the briefing notes be approved as presented.
(Carried)*

Conflict of Interest Policy - Overview

Eileen Clarke, Legal Counsel, Local Health Integration Network

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**Activities of the LHIN Chairs**

LHIN Chairs have been communicating on a frequent basis and face-to-face meetings are occurring on a monthly basis.

Mathilde Gravelle Bazinet is an active participant in the following working groups :

- 1) Indemnification
- 2) Conflict of Interest Policy.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (CONTINUED)Activities of the LHIN Chairs (Continued)

The Chair has met in person with seven (7) out of the nine (9) MPPs in the North East Region. She has had a teleconference with the eighth (8) MPP, Ms. Shelley Martel from Sudbury.

The Chair was in attendance and provided an update on LHIN activities at a FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) meeting held on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Board Vacancies and Vice-Chair Position

The new Board Directors will be announced shortly.

The position of Vice-Chair for the North East LHIN Board of Directors is currently vacant. The previous Vice-Chair who was from Sault Ste. Marie tendered his resignation. A Director from Sault Ste. Marie will be designated as a replacement.

Legislation Update

Bill 36 passed the third reading.

Board Orientation

An orientation session for the Board of Directors will occur once all directors have been appointed.

Board Meetings

- 1) Board meetings will be open to the public
- 2) Meetings will be alternated in regions in the North East Region
- 3) Special notices identifying location and time of Board meetings will be forwarded to community stakeholders when meetings are held in their respective communities

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Reports from the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Directors are appended to Minutes of Proceedings.

*Moved by Margaret Ashcroft, seconded by Johanne Labonté that the 2006 audit plan be approved as presented.
(Carried)*

NEW BUSINESS

Aboriginal Issues

Norm Wesley expressed his concerns that Bill 36 does not give any assurances to first nation communities.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Friday, June 23, 2006
Location: North East LHIN Office
555 Oak Street East, North Bay, ON
(Details will follow)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**North East LHIN
March 22, 2006 Board Meeting
CEO Update**

Activities Update

Since January, there have been several meetings in Toronto that I have attended. The biweekly CEO meetings with the Health Results Team of the Ministry are standing meetings every two weeks, although in recognition of the greater demands on our time within our areas, we will shift to meeting once a month starting in April.

The CCAC Alignment Working Group has been meeting bi-weekly as well in Toronto. As the LHIN representative on this group, these have been important meetings to attend from the perspective of sharing the LHIN experiences on many similar issues as well as reporting back to the other LHINs on the progress of this working group (see report below).

There are several other provincial sessions which have required further travel to Toronto for orientation programs for Senior Directors, involvement in planning sessions, educational sessions and other Ministry initiatives.

As well there have been meetings in Timmins, (2X) , Matheson, Blind River, Espanola (3X), Parry Sound (2X), and Elliot Lake. Each time I travel to these communities I try to arrange meetings with a number of providers.

In the three larger communities of North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, there have been more than a dozen meetings in each of these communities.

On average I am on the road three days per week within our LHIN or in Toronto at meetings. This activity is not restricted to my schedule but is quite similar for Mathilde and the two senior directors. I am making note of this in order to flag for the Board that the travel budget for our LHIN continues to be a point of contention and debate with the Ministry.

Audit

We have received the audit plan from Deloitte. It is now in a format that will require the board to approve the plan and to formally sign the letter of engagement. I have reviewed the plan and it is in order. The plan is in a format that is being used for all of the LHINs across the province. I will forward the copies of the plan to each board member for you to review.

CCAC Alignment

As part of Bill 36, (the "LHIN" legislation) provisions were made to collapse the 42 Community Care Access Centres into 14 that will align with the LHIN boundaries. This is complex work in that it requires some CCACs to be divided into four different parts to align with new boundaries. Currently each CCAC has a dozen or more service contracts with providers that must be renegotiated or transferred to the new CCACs. Also unionized staff will have to be transferred. As you can appreciate there is a tremendous amount of work to be done to transfer staff, contracts, harmonize business and delivery processes and recruit 14 new Executive Directors to head up the new CCACs. Margaret Mottorshead, (a previous Deputy Minister of Health) has been brought on as project lead. Local steering committees have been formed and they will provide the nucleus for the new Boards that will be put in place. The new boards will initially be OIC appointed but will revert to being public boards within two years. Although there is much work to be done and there is a degree of uncertainty, this project is moving forward systematically and there was a launching of the work of the local steering committees this week with a target of October 31st for the new corporations to be in place with the transfer of staff and assets completed by that date.

For our particular region, there are six CCACs that are impacted and they have already worked out many of the key issues and are quite far ahead of the rest of the province. The West Parry Sound CCAC is slightly different as the hospital has also been the CCAC in that community. The West Parry Sound Health Centre will continue to provide the CCAC services on a contract basis, not as a CCAC directly.

Ontario Health Coalition

The OHC has continued to rally against the LHIN legislation even though it has been passed. I was invited to one of their sessions in Matheson and attended a public forum to provide our view of the legislation and how it will strengthen community decision making not weaken it. The claims that have been made by the OHC through their meetings, advertisements and other media methods are, at best, wild exaggerations and quite implausible. Their main reason for fighting the LHIN legislation is the potential for larger hospitals to contract out functions such as laundry, maintenance, food services etc. This would have an obvious impact on CUPE's membership and hence they have been the driving force behind the campaign. Interestingly most hospitals already have the ability to take this action of they so desire, the introduction of LHIN legislation gives them no more or less ability to do so.

Small Hospital Forum

Our LHIN has the largest number of small hospitals in the province. The future of these small facilities is of great concern to their communities, not to mention the staff at those facilities. As the system continues to evolve and change, there is a need to ensure that these facilities change to meet the needs of their communities. We are having a session on Monday and Tuesday (March 27 & 28) in Sudbury to discuss the future of small hospitals and what opportunities there might be. We have Hugh MacLeod (Assistant Deputy Minister), Dr. Michael Rachlis (health policy analyst), Dr. Ray Pong researcher from the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research at Laurentian University and Chris Helyar consultant from Hay Consulting as guest speakers. If any of the Board members would like to attend please let Lianne know and she can make arrangements for you.

Recruitment

We anticipate that we will be given the green light to recruit beginning April 1st.