

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE MEETING (“MEETING”)  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (THE “BOARD”)  
OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY (“PHSA”)  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
AT 9:15 A.M.**

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<b>Directors:</b>	Tim Manning, Chair Donisa Bernardo Dr. Kerry Jang Sharon Stromdahl	Dr. Ken Bassett Suki Gill Robert Kiesman David Turchen	Lorianna Bennett Sandra Martin Harris Gary Pooni
<b>Regrets:</b>	Chief Clarence Louie		
<b>Guest:</b>	Elder Gerry Oleman		
<b>Management:</b>	David Byres Michael Lord Dr. Maureen O'Donnell Susan Wannamaker	Jaci Edgeworth Scott MacNair Ron Quirk Cathy Prentice (Recorder)	Lexie Flatt Kendra McPherson Donna Wilson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Tim Manning, Board Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. It was established that a quorum of the Board was present. Ms. Cathy Prentice was appointed recording secretary of the Meeting.

The Chair requested the Directors to declare any conflict with the agenda items. No declarations came forward.

**INDIGENOUS WELCOME**

The Chair provided the land acknowledgement and welcomed Elder Gerry Oleman to provide the Indigenous Welcome for the meeting. The Chair advised Elder Gerry is of St'át'imc descent from Shalalth, BC. Shalalth means “by the Lake”. Elder Gerry has worked in human service since 1976. In addition Elder Gerry works with Indigenous Health at PHSA primarily in Aboriginal Youth Wellness and the San'yas Training platform.

**CHAIR ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair provided an address to the public acknowledging the events of the past week and introduced members of the Board and Management. Dr. David Byres has been appointed Interim President & CEO for PHSA and BCEHS and the Chair provided Dr. Byres background and experience. The Chair advised that while the vaccine program is now underway, the opioid crisis and COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact daily lives. The Chair thanked PHSA staff for their efforts in roll out of the vaccine and the public for their efforts to following the Public Health Office restrictions.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

One question from the public was submitted related to the action plan and timeline to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in children. The Chair advised Dr. Maureen O'Donnell, Executive Vice President, Provincial Clinical Policy, Planning & Partnerships will respond to the query.

Dr. O'Donnell advised that BC's response to COVID-19 has focused on reducing transmission among all age groups, including children. Essential activities such as schooling are occurring with robust and effective safety plans in place. Transmission has been shown to be highest in households followed by unstructured gatherings where safety plans are not in place. The aim of control measures is to prevent those transmissions which are avoidable, minimize serious illness, overall deaths and societal disruption. BC is continuing to take a balanced approach and has had one of the lowest rates of infection, hospitalization and death among comparable jurisdictions. It is also anticipated that the majority of the adult population will be vaccinated by the end of fall 2021. While a vaccine has not been approved as yet

for children, immunizing the adult population will reduce transmission. Dr. O'Donnell advised that BC's approach will continue to evolve.

## **AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the Meeting agenda as circulated.

### **1.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the minutes of the public Board meeting held November 26, 2020.

### **2.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **2.1 Quality & Access Committee**

No report.

#### **2.2 People & Governance**

Mr. Robert Kiesman, Chair, People & Governance Committee advised of one item for information and four items for approval.

##### *For information*

#### Board of Directors Policy Review Deferral

The Committee recommended deferral of review of the Fostering a Culture of Respect Policies and the President & CEO Evaluation Policy until the April 21, 2021 Committee meeting.

##### *For approval*

#### Review Proposed Cultural Safety & Humility Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the proposed introduction of a Cultural Safety & Humility Committee structure and its Terms of Reference.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the establishment of a Cultural Safety & Humility Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves that the proposed Cultural Safety & Humility Committee Terms of Reference with certain changes as discussed at the meeting.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors authorizes the Chair to discuss membership on the Cultural Safety & Humility Committee with Directors and appoint members accordingly.

#### Policy Updates

The Committee carried out its scheduled review of Board Policies. Changes to the Policies were explained in the accompanying briefing notes and discussed in Committee.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves that following Board Polices, in the form presented in the Meeting materials, with certain changes as discussed at the meeting:

Code of Ethics Policy

Standards of Business Conduct Policy

Theft, Fraud, Corruption & Non-Compliant Activities Policy

### 2.3 Finance Committee

Mr. David Turchen, Chair, Finance Committee, advised of two items for approval.

#### Board Policy Framework

The Committee carried out its scheduled review of Board Policies. Changes to the Policies were explained in the accompanying briefing notes and discussed in Committee.

Management reviewed the policies and updated various sections of the policies. It was noted that the Financial Signing Authority; Board and CEO Policies and the Capital Asset Governance Policy will be reviewed at the April 22, 2021 Committee meeting.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the Banking, Borrowing, Loans to Related Members, Investment Management, Equity Management and Board Compensation and Expense Policy as presented.

#### PHSA Capital Fund

The PHSA Board of Directors approved the 2020/21 PHSA Capital fund of \$216.0M. Since that time, PHSA has received a net capital funding reduction of \$2.8M, comprising of \$4.8M of new targeted funding and \$7.6M claw-back of previously approved targeted capital funding.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the updated PHSA Capital Fund of \$213.2M.

### 2.4 Audit Committee

Ms. Suki Gill, Chair, Audit Committee, advised of one item for approval.

#### Auditor Independence Policy

In accordance with the Board Policy Framework which requires all Board approved policies to be reviewed on an annual basis, Management performed a review of the Auditor Independence Policy and proposed a revision to Section 2.1.4 to reflect changes in senior management titles.

#### Motion

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the revised Auditor Independence Policy as presented.

### 2.5 Research Committee

Ms. Sharon Stromdahl, Chair, Research Committee, advised of one item for information and one for approval.

#### *For information*

#### Post COVID-19 Interdisciplinary Clinical Care Network

The Research Committee received a presentation from Dr. Adeera Levin, Executive Director of PHSA's BC Renal Program, who is providing provincial leadership in establishment of a Post COVID-19 Interdisciplinary Clinical Care Network. As a novel

disease, COVID-19 presents an opportunity to establish a health learning system approach to care and treatment, one in which clinical care and the generation and application of knowledge to inform and improve that care are integrated by design from the ground up. Dr. Levin's presentation focused on how the Post-COVID-19 Network and its associated clinics are being established in collaboration with clinicians, researchers, patients, regional health authorities, universities and others to realize this opportunity.

*For approval*

Research Committee Name Change

The Research Committee is recommending the PHSA Board of Directors approve changing the name of the Research Committee to the Research and Academic Development Committee. The goal in making this change is to more explicitly address the committee's oversight role related to student education and other matters related to PHSA's overall academic health science mandate, while retaining the important focus on research.

Motion:

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the PHSA Board of Directors approves the name of the Research Committee be changed to the Research and Academic Development Committee.

**3.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

None identified.

**4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was referenced for information.

**5.0 NEXT MEETINGS**

**Thursday, April 29, 2021 Location/Format to be confirmed.**

**6.0 TERMINATION** – the Meeting terminated at 9:50 a.m.