

# CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 10 October 2013

In Attendance:	Electoral Area B	Director Reg Moody-Humchitt
	Electoral Area C	Director Brian Lande
	Electoral Area D	Director Ivan Tallio
	Electoral Area E	Vice-Chair David Anderson
	CAO	Darla Blake
	Recording Secretary	Cheryl Waugh
Apologies:	Electoral Area A	Chair Cathi McCullagh

### **PART I - INTRODUCTION**

**1. Call to Order** Vice-Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:26pm  
(a) Opening Reflection/Prayer

**2. Adoption of Agenda**  
(a) Introduction of any late items

**13-10-01H** M/S Directors Moody-Humchitt/Tallio that the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**(B) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**  
(a) 12 September 2013

**13-10-02H** M/S Directors Lande/Tallio that the minutes of September 12, 2013 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

### **PART II- PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

A member of the public joined the meeting

**1. Delegations**

(a) Susan Richter and Jody Sydor Jones (Vancouver Coastal Health) – 1:22pm

Jody Sydor Jones, Director of Strategy Development and Central Coast Project Liaison, and Susan Richter, Community Engagement Leader, made a presentation to the board on

behalf of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). They have been leading the transition in hospital and health services in coastal communities. It is a regional engagement role bringing the voices of the community regarding health care and working with first responders, physicians and community stakeholders.

A handout was provided which gave background and highlighted key points about VCH. Their goal was to accomplish an introduction to VCH for a better understanding about the health authority and about the transition; why it is happening and why now. They expect some real advantages to the communities but also wanted to formally recognize the great work of the United Church Health Services.

VCH covers approximately 1 million people and encompasses coastal areas that include Central Coast North Shore (Bella Coola, Bella Bella and surrounds), Powell River, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky Corridor and the North Shore. Within these areas there is great cultural and geographic diversity and different local government structures with 11 municipalities and regional districts. There is a diverse population base with great economic spread. It was acknowledged there are enormous health inequities throughout the various coastal areas.

Ms. Sydor Jones and Ms. Richter provided an introduction to an urban-rural-remote network strategy as a recognized need with a goal of leveraging resources, expertise and mitigating inequities. Two of the actions stemming from this strategy are the Telehealth services and a new family practice residency program (for doctors) starting in spring of 2014. This program was established through UBC for medical residents to obtain real experience in coastal communities and is a specialized rural-remote residency program.

It was made clear that the transition of health services will be a productive, collaborative affiliation with the United Church Health Services and strictly a governance decision and nothing to do with any fractured relationship between these providers. VCH is working very hard to make the process as stable as possible with the same staff, facilities, etc. The two hospitals will continue to function as such but the key focus is to bring rural health improvements to the services for coastal communities. There is no intention to downgrade and they want to improve physician retention. Michel Bazille, Chief Operating Officer retains that role here but liaises with VCH's Chief Operating Officer. It was explained there has been a misunderstanding that the United Church was going to be leaving the community.

There was some open discussion about the lack of childbearing services and the extreme physical and emotional void this leaves in our communities. One VCH representative said discussion on this topic may be opened up again. Some of the current services being investigated include long-term senior care needs, food security and nutritional training, environmental health and traditional and natural medicines.

VCH is looking at what advisory or collaborative structures can be developed. Community engagement does exist in other areas such as through online surveys and forums and there is an *Engagement Advisory Network*. Ms. Richter described that their goal is to come with feet on the ground to get an idea of relationship building and the best model to pursue. They have already met with both the Nuxalk Nation and Heiltsuk Nation Chief and Council.

It was noted that the CCRHD is not well known in the communities and has no strategic plan and no budget. There is a need to plan together with Vancouver Coastal Health so there are clearer lines of communication and responsibility. VCH's expectation is that it is normal for them to meet with the local government. Vice-Chair Anderson suggested inviting the local government liaison to a future VCH meeting

Ms. Sydor Jones thanked the board for the lengthy amount of time provided and Vice-Chair Anderson thanked them for the informative session.

Jody Sydor Jones, Susan Richter and the public member left the meeting at 2:43pm

### **PART III – LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

#### **(C) OPERATIONS UPDATES AND POLICY MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Transportation Services**

- (a) BC Transit 2014-2015 Draft AOA Budget, and budget projections for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

**13-10-03H** M/S Directors Tallio/Lande that the BC Transit 2014-2015 Draft AOA Budget, and budget projections for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 be received. **CARRIED**

#### **(G) Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

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**Chair**

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**Corporate Officer**