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## **Board Highlights January 24, 2012**



The following are highlights from the NRHA Board of Directors meeting held on in January 24, 2012 in Flin Flon. For more information or clarification on any issue, please contact Doug Lauvstad, Board Chair or Helga Bryant, CEO.

**Accreditation Canada Survey:** We have received our Accreditation Canada decision stemming from the November 2011 on site visit. We have received Accreditation with the condition of reporting on high priority items as outlined by Accreditation Canada. We were assessed on 1693 standards of which 1468 were met, 175 were unmet and 50 were not applicable to our organization. Of the 36 Required Organizational Practices we were assessed as meeting 24.

**Chief Executive Officer:** The NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority Board announced the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer following a nation-wide search that yielded a made-in-Manitoba result. Ms. Helga Bryant has been appointed to the position by the RHA's Board of Directors following a special meeting held Monday, January 16, 2012.

**VP/CNO:** Ms. Brenda Mishak Beckman has accepted the position of Vice-President and Chief Nursing Officer for the NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority. Ms. Beckman is a Registered Nurse with Advanced Nursing education in public health and health care administration. Most recently she was employed with the Athabasca Health Authority in Stony Rapids Saskatchewan as Director of Inpatient and Regional Diagnostic Services and Accreditation Coordinator. In that role, she was responsible for acute care, long term care, laboratory and diagnostic services as well as community based nursing in provincial and federal First Nations communities. As a result of that, Brenda brings with her a deep understanding of federal and provincial health care systems and the importance of developing and sustaining partnerships

**Smoke Free Environment:** The NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority is on track to become totally smoke-free by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Billboards, media notices, etc. are underway to ensure the public is aware of this. Supports are in place to support staff and patients in smoking cessation strategies. Certain smoking cessation pharmaceuticals are now covered under Pharmacare which will aid in smoking cessation success. The policy guiding this strategy allow for exemptions for residents in Personal Care Homes and then only in an appropriately ventilated area. Allowances exist for traditional cultural practices involving smoke and sweet grass burning.

**Flin Flon EMS Garage:** The Flin Flon 3-bay EMS Facility was approved to be awarded. Langreen (2005) Ltd is the successful contractor. The total project cost is funded at \$1,282,050. Construction to start in Spring 2012.

**Cranberry Portage District Health Council:** The Board is pleased to advise the appointment of Gloria Whitford to the Cranberry Portage DHC. Gloria has resided in the community since 1990 and has expressed a keen interest in healthy living and believes she can give back to her community by getting involved.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** Meetings are open to the general public and are held the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August.

February 28 – The Pas

March 27 – Flin Flon

April 24 – The Pas

May 29 – Flin Flon

June 12 – The Pas