

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

June 21, 2023 – 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm held via Livestream

**Board Members**

Doug Cochrane (chair)  
 Spring Hawes  
 Karen Hamling  
 Allan Louis  
 Willie Sellars  
 Cindy Stewart

**Resource Staff**

Susan Brown, President & CEO  
 Richard Harding, VP Clinical & Support Services  
 Dr. martin Lavoie, interim, Chief Medical Health Officer  
 Carmen Gudljek, Board Liaison (recorder)

**Guests**

Item 2.1: Joanne Isber, Program Director Pathology & Lab Medicine  
 Item 2.1: Dr. Denis Bonin, Medical Director Pathology & Lab Medicine  
 Item 2.2: Dr. Carol Fenton, Medical Health Officer.

Item		Discussion	Action & Person Responsible
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm	
1.1	Territorial Acknowledgement	Chair Cochrane provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
1.2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	There were no changes to the recorded conflicts of interest on file.	
1.3	Approval of Agenda	<b>MOTION:</b> Director Hamling moved, Director Cochrane seconded THAT the Board of Directors approved the agenda of June 21 as presented. - Carried unanimously	
2.0	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
2.1	Innovation and Automation: Interior Health Laboratory Sustainability Solutions.	Joanne Isber and Dr. Denis Bonin provided a presentation on the value of lab automation and Innovation.  Clinical laboratory service impacts every level of care providing diagnosis, treatment plans and continuity of patient flow across the system. Significant human resource deficits have created service challenges that have interrupted this continuity and identified the need to find alternative solutions to sustain laboratory services. It is essential that current and future planning of laboratory sustainability improvements require significant capital	



		<p>consideration, notably in digital health technology to enable informed decisions and forecast prioritization for capital planning. To optimize this strategy, the Interior Health (IH) Laboratory Program has accelerated the launch of new instrument technology, automation, and digital health solutions to effectively meet lab service obligations in community, acute care, and public health.</p> <p>Ms. Isber and Dr. Bonin answered questions from the Board. There were no questions received from the public.</p> <p>The presentation is available on the IH Website at <a href="http://www.interiorhealth.ca">www.interiorhealth.ca</a> on the Board of Directors page.</p>	
2.2	<p>Medical Health Officer Report 2022: Toxic Drug Crisis in B.C.'s Southern Interior Region (Part 2)</p>	<p>Dr. Martin Lavoie and Dr. Carol Fenton provided a presentation on the Toxic Drug Crisis in B.C.'s Southern Interior Region.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to fulfil a statutory duty to report on the health of the population within B.C.'s Southern Interior region, specifically related to the worsening toxic drug crisis. Part 2 of 2, this report focuses on a deeper understanding of people who use substances and on the public health approach to address toxic drug deaths.</p> <p>Dr. Lavoie and Dr. Fenton answered questions from the Board. There were no questions received from the public.</p> <p>The presentation is available on the IH Website at <a href="http://www.interiorhealth.ca">www.interiorhealth.ca</a> on the Board of Directors page.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>STANDING REPORTS</b>		
3.1	<p>President &amp; CEO</p>	<p>Susan Brown, President &amp; CEO provided an update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment to Dr. Lavoie and Dr. Fenton on producing the Medical Health Officer report 2022, Parts 1 and 2.</li> <li>Dr. Silvina Mema was congratulated on the honorary award she received from UBCO for her contributions to public health.</li> </ul>	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A fourth simulation training centre has opened at the Penticton Regional Hospital. This simulation program is accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in conjunction with the University of British Columbia. Simulation training centres are extremely valuable to health care teams.</li><li>• The concept plan the Kamloops Cancer Centre has been approved. The business plan is underway and IH looks forward to progressing this work to the next stage.</li><li>• Update was provided on rebuilding of health services in the community of Lytton.</li><li>• The redevelopment plan for Cariboo Memorial Hospital is proceeding ahead with the first phase anticipated to be completed by 2026.</li><li>• June 21 is National Indigenous People’s Day. IH released a video to celebrate this day which was livestreamed during this meeting.</li></ul>	
3.2	Board Chair Report	<p>Chair Doug Cochrane provided an update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A celebratory event took place in Williams Lake on June 15 for the naming of the All Nations Healing Centre.</li><li>• A delegation from the Western Australia Country Health Services visited IH to tour some of our facilities in the South Okanagan and meet with our health care teams to look at opportunities on how we can learn from each other in the delivery of health care services, particularly for those in rural and remote communities. They deliver health care services in a comparable way as IH.</li><li>• The BC Patient and Safety Quality Council (BCPSQC) is now called Health Quality BC. The provincial quality forum was recently held on June 6-8 with over 1500 delegates in attendance. This is an opportunity for health care providers to come together for quality improvement. There were many story boards presented by the various organizations, two of Interior Health’s submission were winners in their categories. Some of the topics at this year’s session focused on the importance of working with communities. Climate change and the issue of global warning due to medical</li></ul>	



		<p>waste disposal was another topic. IH is doing remarkable work in this area and the Board is looking for future updates.</p> <p>Questions received from the public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health Care Assistants and LPNs but no housing for workers – will there ever be dedicated housing for care staff? A: Housing is a high priority and IH has housing up and running in many communities. There are still some communities waiting for housing due the demand that outweighs capacity. IH continues to work with local municipalities on housing.</li> <li>2. When will dialysis stations be provided in Nelson or a bus implemented immediately? A: All health authorities work closely with the BC Renal Agency. Where there are hemodialysis units with specialist staff and a nephrologist, there needs to be adjacencies with other specialities. However, there are some patients that can dialyze in the home. In the Nelson area there was a community service that recently stopped providing services and IH is working with the Ministry of Health on this issue. There is a Nelson Cares bus and Handi Dart bus for those requiring transport services, social workers can also help to support patients that need assistance.</li> </ol>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
	<p>As there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>Director Louis moved, Director Stewart seconded that the Board of Directors meeting for June 21, 2023 be adjourned at 6:00 pm. - Carried unanimously.</p>		
<b>The next meeting will take place on December 6, 2023.</b>			