

# Highlights

## CBHSSJB Board of Directors

Chisasibi, Quebec

February 6, 2014

# About this meeting

- A Board meeting scheduled for February 5-6 in Wemindji was cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- This ½ day meeting was organized by teleconference. Most of the participants were in Chisasibi.

# Nomination of Anne Foro



- Anne Foro was nominated to the position of Director, Program Planning, in the Pimuchteheu Group, reporting to Laura Bearskin. She will supervise a unit consisting of Louella Meilleur (Coordinator, Current and Ambulatory Services Planning), Gregory Brass (Awamiiniwachuwano / Mental Health Services Planning) and Jason Coonishish (Pre-hospital and Emergency Measures Planning).
- Ms. Foro holds a medical degree in her country of origin, Burkina Faso, and a Masters and PhD in public health from the University of Montreal. She is based in Mistissini.

# Funding request by Cree Cultural Institute

- The Cree Cultural Institute submitted a request for funding for a touring theatrical adaptation of a book of Elders' stories and Cree legends, *Mind's Eye*, by Emily Masty and Susan Marshall.
- The \$300,000 project, led by film-maker Shirley Cheechoo, will include training and mentorship of Cree actors, and will function as a means of transmitting Cree culture and values to the youth.
- The CBHSSJB will provide \$25,000 in sponsorship to the project.

# Commissioner of Complaints community tour

- The Chair, Bella Petawabano, reported on the first stop of a regional tour by the Commissioner of Complaints, Louise Valiquette. The meetings took place in Wemindji, February 3-4, 2014.
- The purpose of the tour is to raise awareness among users of CHB services of their users' rights and the complaints/feedback process.
- The next stops on the tour will be Chisasibi and Mistissini.



Meeting with Cree Health Board employees in Wemindji.

# Committees of the Board



- Community Representative and former Vice-Chair Thomas Jolly of Nemaska resigned from the Board of Directors. This was his last meeting.
- L. George Pachanos will replace Thomas Jolly on the Audit Committee for a term expiring in December 2014.
- Eva Louttit and Patricia George were nominated to the Evaluation Committee, joining Dr. Kitty, Reggie Tomatuk and Bella Petawabano.

Thomas Jolly

# Finance and Administration leadership

- The Executive Director, Mabel Herodier, and the outgoing Director of Finance, Martin Meilleur, informed the Board of steps being taken to ensure a smooth transition around the departure of Mr. Meilleur.
- Martin Meilleur was also Interim Assistant Executive Director of Administrative Services, a position that is still vacant and has been re-posted. In the interim, Mabel Herodier will take on the role of AED Administrative Services in addition to her regular duties.
- The revised job description for Director of Finance was approved and the position will be posted soon.

# Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

- The Board approved the revision of a lease with the Cree Nation of Chisasibi for rental of 22 employee housing units. The lease was amended to exclude insurance costs, which will be paid directly by the CBHSSJB.
- The Board authorized the ED to sign a renewal of the long-term borrowing plan with the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Quebec. The plan comes up for renewal every 18 months.
- The Moses-Petawabano Advisory Committee will review sections of Bylaw 8 relating to approval of intermediate managers, and report back to the Board in March.

# Disposal of Assets

- The Board approved the demolition of 6 trailer-type housing units being used for transit/employee housing in Chisasibi.
- A tender process for the demolition work led to the selection of CBCC, with a bid of just under \$60,000 for demolition and removal of all 6 dwellings.
- The units are located at Cluster D4-4,5,6, 120 and 122 Beesum Street and Cluster E1-5.
- The demolition will be paid for using the accumulated surplus.
- Construction of permanent buildings on these lots will begin in September 2014.

# Quality Concerns in Home Care Services

- Dr. Kitty, Board Representative for Clinical Staff, outlined problems that she has observed with Home Care services, in Chisasibi and other communities.
- Home Care provides home visits by nurses and other workers, to help people including elders, people recovering from surgery, etc. to carry out their daily activities. It is an essential service for these individuals and their families.
- The problems seem to stem from weaknesses in training and orientation of home care employees.
- To understand and address these issues, the Quality of Medical Act Committee of the Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists (CPDP) is developing a client satisfaction survey that will be sent to all clients and family members who receive home care services, in all 9 communities.
- The Board expressed strong support for this initiative by the CPDP.
- Dr. Kitty will inform the Board of progress in March.

# Upcoming Board Meetings

- March 18-20, 2014, Montreal