

**MINUTES of the Southern Health-Santé Sud Governing Board Meeting held  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

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Present	Board:	Staff:	Guests:
	Abe Bergen, Chair Terrie Porter, Vice Chair Dr. Desmond Leen Pat Brennan Ramona Coey Pam Plaster Todd Nichols Peter Veldhuis Dawn Coubrough Adam Monteith	SLT: Jane Curtis, CEO Ken Klassen Marianne Woods Marie Lacey Noreen Shirliff René Ouelette  Other: Trish Braun, Regional Manager – Planning & Engagement Lyndsay Olson, Recording Secretary	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Bill Osachuk Justin Bohemier	Cheryl Harrison Dr. Denis Fortier	

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors (the Board) acknowledges that the land on which it gathers is Treaty 1 territory and the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Ojibway, Cree, Oji-Cree, Assiniboine, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. The Board also acknowledges that Southern Health-Santé Sud has multiple cultures and is a designated bilingual region.

**Sacred Moment:** *At a Board workshop on People Centeredness, it was decided that, at the start of each regular day of Board meetings, the Board would take a moment to pause and reflect on its mission and on the people it serves throughout the region - to stop and look at the consequences whenever changes or decisions are made about services or programs, and be aware of how it affects the people whom that service or program was made for in the first place.*

Dr. Desmond Leen shared a YouTube [video](#) titled “Tribute to Unsung Heroes snippet of Coronavirus Pandemic”. The video is a thank you message to all essential workers providing services to our communities.

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Welcome & Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
Introductions	The Board of Directors and members from the Senior Leadership Team introduced themselves.
1. Approval of proposed Agenda	The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approved the agenda by consensus.
Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting	MOTION THAT The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approve the minutes of the meeting held May 26, 2020.

2. In-Camera Report  
MOVED BY: Pat Brennan  
SECONDED BY: Peter Veldhuis CARRIED  
No report.
3. Board Committees  
Audit Committee of the Whole

Ms. Pam Plaster reported that the Board received copies of the Year End Audit Communication and Appendices. As well, an overview of the 2019-2020 audit was provided by Ms. Trudy Martens and Ms. Rhohini Halli from Deloitte. No fraud risks were reported.

MOTION THAT

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approves the 2019-2020 audit report of the financial statements as presented by Deloitte.

- MOVED BY: Peter Veldhuis  
SECONDED BY: Todd Nichols CARRIED

Finance Committee of the Whole

Mr. Adam Monteith reported that the May 2020 financial report was presented indicating a year-to-date deficit of \$290,000, which is largely due to unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses.

MOTION THAT:

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approves the May 2020 financial report as presented indicating a year-to-date deficit of \$290,000, which is largely due to unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses.

- MOVED BY: Adam Monteith  
SECONDED BY: Dr. Desmond Leen CARRIED

Quality & Patient Safety Committee of the Whole

Ms. Ramona Coey reported that the Quality & Patient Safety report was shared noting the risks around the 10 day supply of Personal Protective Equipment. A Suspension of Services report for May 10-June 7, 2020 was circulated for information.

Policy Review Committee - Report

Ms. Pat Brennan shared the minutes and a list of policy amendment recommendations from the June 5 Policy Review Committee.

The following policy amendments were tabled for approval:

- GP-12 – addition of Appendix A Monitoring Schedule

- GP-6 – paragraph five amended to the following:  
The Board to review the Board ENDS on an annual basis as an educational component i.e. add to Annual Governance Plan to take place at each September Board meeting.
- GP-6 –referent to Annual Regional Health Plan changed to Strategic & Operational Plan.

MOTION THAT:

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approves policy changes as presented.

MOVED BY: Ramona Coey  
 SECONDED BY: Dawn Coubrough CARRIED

4. Board Education

GP-16 Board Education & Self Assessment

Portage Health Services Community Engagement Group

Ms. Terrie Porter provided a summary of the Portage Health Services Community Engagement Group meeting which she attended by teleconference on June 2. She summarized that an update was provided regarding visitors and screening and the ramping up of diagnostic services.

Patients at Lions Prairie Manor and Douglas Campbell Lodge are doing well. Palliative patients are allowed two visitors.

Ms. Porter advised that there was a question regarding the new hospital proposal. Feedback was provided noting that the proposal was submitted to the province and now awaits a decision.

Ms. Porter thanked Ms. Karen Yanchycki for providing the Board with a tour of the Portage District General Hospital at the January 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Altona Stakeholder Group

Mr. Desmond Leen participated in the June 11 Altona stakeholder Group meeting. He reported that the group discussed personal care homes and pandemic supplies.

Regional Medical Advisory Committee (RMAC)

Ms. Ramona Coey participated on the June 11 RMAC WebEx. She reported that Dr. Fortier provided an update on the impacts of COVID-19 on the delivery of medical services. He advised the group that the overall goal is the ramp up to 80% of services.

There was further discussion regarding Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certification. A vote was passed indicating that this certification will now be mandatory for all physicians working in critical care.

5. Board Monitoring

GP-7 Board Community Engagement

Mr. Desmond Leen conducted a review of GP-7 Board Community Engagement and suggested that the Policy Review Committee review provisions 5, 5.1 and 5.2 and consider removing or amending to “when necessary” to reflect that it would be Board representation on a different Board representing Southern Health-Santé Sud that would require Board approval.

Governance Dashboard

Governance Dashboard: Healthy People and Healthy Environment\*

Ms. Ales Morga presented the Healthy People and Healthy Environment Governance Dashboard. She informed new Board members that all dashboard indicators are linked to the Board’s Executive Limitations. She also noted that a regional cross-sectoral working group has been struck to increase immunization rates.

\*The Board requested further information regarding cancer stats – specifically around the most common cancers, mortality rates and stage of diagnosis.

6. Chair’s Report

Mr. Abe Bergen reported that he attended a meeting with Jane at Buffalo Point First Nation on June 16, 2020 to sign a collaborative partnership agreement.

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EL-9 Communication & Support to the Board

Ms. Jane Curtis shared some highlights from her Leadership Report:

- Noted that several events have been cancelled due to COVID-19
- Lots of community support and positive media attention surrounding pandemic response
- Jordan’s Principle positions received permanent funding making associated positions permanent.

8. Meeting Feedback

Board Members completed the monthly Board Meeting Evaluation form.

QPS 46.02%

9. Date/Location of Next Meeting

TBD: August 2020

10. Adjournment

MOTION THAT

The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors adjourn.

3:15p.m.

MOVED BY: Dr. Desmond Leen

SECONDED BY: Terrie Porter

CARRIED