



Info Bulletin

RHA Central Board of Directors May 2009 meeting Highlights

Southport, MB – June 1st, 2009:

RHA Central Board Changes: RHA Central Board Chair, Robert Jones acknowledged outgoing Board members Connie Gretsinger, Kenneth Crawford, Ted Fransen and Jeannie Marion their exceptional contributions after completing their terms.

The Board also expressed congratulations to that Robert Jones as he assumes leadership as Chair of the RHA Central Board of Directors.

As well, the Board welcomed of new Board members: Joyce Perswain (Portage la Prairie), Marie Buchan (Sanford) and Donna Harasymec (Morden).

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Inaugural Appointments: With the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009, the Board of RHA Central made its inaugural appointments in May with announcement of new Board members. To support Chair Robert Jones appointed by the Minister, the Board appointed Denise Harder as Vice-Chair for 2009-2010. Membership on the Audit Committee, the Policy Review Committee, the Community Engagement and Partnership Committee as well as Board Liaison on the Medical Advisory Committee and the Provincial Aboriginal Advisory Committee were also approved.

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Volunteer Representative Recognition. Central Region volunteers are known for their sense of caring and desire to share and volunteer their time and services to the needs of others in health care. They have many skills and talents generously applied to a variety of health care programs and services. Accordingly, a Volunteer Representative Recognition is being created to honor all Central Region volunteers and/or volunteer agencies/group which have contributed to helping people become as *healthy as they can be*. The Recognition will be marked by the RHA – Central Manitoba Inc. Board of Directors at its Annual Public Meeting which is held annually in communities throughout the region. More information to follow. This year, the RHA Central Board will hold its Annual Public Meeting in Gladstone on October 14, 2009 at 7 p.m., the theme being *Building a Culture of Safety ... It's safe to ask*.

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Financial Report: RHA - Central reported a monthly operating deficit of \$757,094 for the month of April, 2009, the first month into a new fiscal year, due primarily to timing differences of actual and budgeted expenses. RHA Central is still projecting a balanced budget for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

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Personal Health Information Act (PHIA): The RHA Central Board reviewed its role and responsibilities relating to PHIA. Susan Enns, Regional Health Information Services, Privacy & Access Officer provided the information needed to enable Board members to understand the issues and to enable them to sign a Declaration of Confidentiality.

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Governance Dashboard: To enhance its accountability processes the RHA Central Board has been working to develop a system designed to track progress in reaching the achievement of Board ENDS and strategic priorities and to encourage continuous improvement in the organization. The Board approved implementation of a Governance Dashboard, a new reporting format which provides a snapshot of selected performance measures and will enable the Board to monitor progress or compliance in relation to its stated policies.

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