



**Northwestern  
Health Unit**

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**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE  
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT**

MINUTES of the Regular Board of Health Meeting  
February 18, 2022  
Electronic Meeting

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**PRESENT:** Doug Lawrance – Chair, Trudy Sachowski, Sharon Smith, Jim Belluz,  
Wendy Brunetta, Jerry O’Leary, Sally Burns

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marilyn Herbacz, CEO  
Kit Young Hoon, MOH  
Lindsay Koch

**GUESTS:** Nicole Brown

**REGRETS:**

**ABSENT:** Shayne MacKinnon

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Doug Lawrance called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 22-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>W. Brunetta S. Burns</b>
THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated February 18, 2022 be approved.	

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None declared.

**4. CHAIR’S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Doug Lawrance shared some of his activity related to his role as BOH Chair, including participation in NWHU’s strategic planning committee, Executive Committee meetings, Ontario Health Team for Red Lake, Dryden, and Sioux lookout, and shared his observation that this time of year sees an increase in activity across the board.

**5. MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2022**

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 23-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>J. Belluz S. Smith</b>
THAT the Minutes of the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health meeting held January 21, 2022 be approved.	

**6. IN CAMERA**

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 24-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>T. Sachowski S. Burns</b>
THAT the Board of Health moves to an in-camera session at 8:35am to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel Matters (1 item)</li> </ul>	

*Lindsay Koch and Nicole Brown left the meeting at 8:37am*

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 25-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>J. Belluz S. Burns</b>
THAT the Board of Health move out of in-camera at 9:17am to resume the regular meeting.	

*Lindsay Koch and Nicole Brown rejoined the meeting at 9:18am*

**7. aPHa UPDATES****7.1 aPHa Report**

Trudy Sachowski shared that she will be reading the land acknowledgement at the upcoming aPHa Winter Symposium and Section Meetings. There will be a Q&A session within the Board of Health Section meeting that members are encouraged to participate in, to take advantage of the opportunity in addition to showcasing Northwestern Health Unit at this provincial event.

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 26-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>W. Brunetta J. O'Leary</b>
THAT the February 2022 aPHa Report be received.	

*Dr. Young Hoon left the meeting at 9:25am*

**8. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION****8.1 CEO & Finance Report** *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.02.18-8.1; the report will be kept on file.*

Marilyn Herbacz provided a verbal report to the Board related to the financial position of the organization.

Ontario Health North has hired an Immigration Coordinator to support recruitment of health care professionals to Northern Ontario. The Board engaged in thoughtful discussion about recruitment of physicians and compensation models in Ontario, and expressed an interest in learning more about the process.

Marilyn joined a focus group for the Kenora District Services Board, and noted that many of the discussions included topics similar to what we are talking about at NWHU.

**8.2 2022 NWHU Budget Revision** *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO.*

Marilyn Herbacz shared an update regarding the Ontario Senior Dental Program and related budgetary impacts. The Program Manager will now seek additional funding to support this program under the 100% funded stream for an increase in staffing, in the amount of \$118,000. No action will be taken unless or until there is approval from the Ministry, which is expected early in the year given

The total revised budget request for 2022 will be 734,500.

**8.3 2022 Strategic Planning Updates** *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.02.18-8.3*  
*The Report will be kept on file.*

The Board will participate in engagement sessions with the strategic planning consultants either in a focus group setting, or individual interviews.

**8.4 Nursing Student Classification** *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.02.18-8.4*  
*The report will be kept on file.*

*Dr. Young Hoon rejoined the meeting at 9:55am.*

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 27-2022</b> <b>APPROVED</b>	<b>W. Brunetta</b> <b>J. Belluz</b>
THAT the Board of Health approve the revised 2022 Ministry of Health Budget Request, to include a request for the Ontario Senior Dental Program.	

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 28-2022</b> <b>APPROVED</b>	<b>T. Sachowski</b> <b>S. Burns</b>
WHEREAS Northwestern Health Unit staff continue to focus significant time on the COVID-19 vaccination program;	
AND WHEREAS there remains a substantial backlog in childhood and school immunizations as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic response;	
AND WHEREAS Nursing students have immunization training as part of their education,	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approve the creation of a nursing student classification within the organization at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.	

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 29-2022</b> <b>APPROVED</b>	<b>S. Smith</b> <b>J. O’Leary</b>
THAT the Board of Health receive the following Corporate Administration reports:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022.02.18-8.1 CEO &amp; Finance Report</li> <li>• 2022.02.18-8.3 Strategic Planning Updates</li> </ul>	

**9. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS**

**9.1 Medical Officer of Health Update** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health.*  
*Reference #2022.02.18-9.1 The report will be kept on file.*

Dr. Young Hoon spoke to her written report which largely focused on work related to Ontario Health Teams in the NWHU region. The importance of including public health in this work was highlighted.

Dr. Young Hoon shared a presentation related to the current COVID-19 epidemiology in the region, and subsequent recommendations to hold public health restrictions for the time being, given higher numbers in the region, as the rest of the province continues to open up.

Specific deliberation was given to sporting events at which transmission of COVID-19 has been occurring, and what, if anything can be done to keep youth and their families protected.

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 30-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>W. Brunetta J. Belluz</b>
THAT the Board of Health receive the following Public Health Program reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022.02.18-9.1 Medical Officer of Health Update</li> </ul>	

**10. AMENDMENTS:** None.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Friday, March 25; 8:30am via Teams

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:53am.

<b>Motion / Resolution: # 31-2022 CARRIED</b>	<b>J. Belluz J. O'Leary</b>
THAT the Board of Health Meeting be adjourned at 11:53am.	

**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:**

**CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN**

**THIS ....25..... DAY OF .....March.....2022**

  
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**MEETING CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH**

  
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**RECORDER**