



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Vice-Chair Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
(via teleconference)
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Jeff McDonald, Communications Manager (via teleconference)
Jill Rickert, Grant Coordinator (via teleconference)
Kori Elden, Recorder

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Kirby, District of Tumbler Ridge
(via teleconference)

Others

Angela De Smit, Northern Health (via teleconference)

Absent Directors

Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Rose Health Care High School Non-Degree and Degree Scholarship

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Health Care Scholarship Committee adopt the April 1, 2021 Meeting
Agenda, as amended to include Director's new business and additional items for
the agenda (Health Care High School Non-Degree and Degree Scholarship):

1. Call to Order
2. Directors' Notice of New Business
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Gallery Comments or Questions
5. Adoption of Minutes
 - 5.1 Health Care Scholarship Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2021
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Delegations
8. Correspondence

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3.1 Adoption of Agenda
(Cont'd)

9. Reports

- 9.1 Health Care Scholarships Promotion Update, ADM-HCSC-005
- 9.2 Update on Nursing Recruitment and Retention Literature Review and Survey, ADM-HCSC-006

10. New Business

- 10.1 Health Care High School Non-Degree and Degree Scholarship

11. Diary

12. Item(s) for Information

- 12.1 Terms of Reference
- 12.2 Health Care Scholarship Programs Summary Matrix

13. Adjournment

CARRIED

4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
Jan. 29/21 HCSC Minutes That the Health Care Scholarship Committee adopt the Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2021.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 6.1 The Northern Health Board Chair responded to the February 26, 2021 letter sent
Item #12.1 Jan 29/21 inviting Board Members Shannon Anderson, Russel Beerling, and John Kurjata to
HCSC Minutes future Health Care Scholarship Committee (HCSC) meetings. The letter states that
Director Shannon Anderson is available to attend future meetings, and if he is
unavailable, Director John Kurjata or Director Russel Beerling will attend.

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 The Communications Manager attended the HCSC Meeting to provide committee
Health Care Scholarships members with an update on staff efforts to increase the number of grant
Promotion Update, ADM- applicants for the PRRD Health Care Scholarships. The Communications Manager
HCSC-005 noted that staff is working with the Northern Lights College Foundation to raise
awareness of all six PRRD Health Care Scholarships, leading to more applications
and more scholarships awarded.

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
That the Health Care Scholarship Committee accept the report titled "Health Care
Scholarships Promotion Update – ADM-HCSC – 005" for information.

CARRIED

- Director Ackerman Director Ackerman joined the HCSC Meeting via teleconference at 1:08 pm



9.2
Update - Nursing
Recruitment & Retention
Literature Review and
Survey, ADM-HCSC-006

The Communications Manager updated the HCSC on a two stage project that PRRD staff is working on with staff from the BC Nurses' Union and Northern Health on nursing recruitment and retention in northeastern BC. The BC Nurses' Union research team is leading the nursing recruitment and retention literature review, and the first draft will be completed in early April 2021. The review will inform the strategic approach for in-person interviews, as recommended by the Regional Board on February 11, 2021, and tentative completion is summer 2021.

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Health Care Scholarship Committee receive the report titled 'Update on Nursing Recruitment and Retention Literature Review and Survey – ADM-HCSC - 000,' for information

CARRIED

The Health Care Scholarship Committee discussed that:

- The City of Dawson Creek has a committee in place and is formulating a plan to expand childcare for healthcare professionals in Dawson Creek and the HCSC will be updated over the next few months.
- The Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction has community and employer partnership programs for funding opportunities that may be available to pilot for extended hours childcare. Northern Health will provide a report in terms of childcare progress prior to or at the next HCSC meeting.
- School District 60 has funding to add day-time childcare spots in Fort St. John.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1
Health Care High School
Non-Degree and Degree
Scholarship

The Health Care Scholarship Committee was asked to clarify the criteria of the Health Care High School Non-Degree and Degree Scholarship. Degree programs were added to the scholarship criteria on February 11, 2021.

The Chief Financial Officer provided the committee with a letter sent to applicable School Councillors within the region regarding the upcoming Scholarship grants to request that the committee clarify the intent for specific Degree program applicants.

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
That the Health Care Scholarship Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize that the expansion of the PRRD Health Care High School Non-Degree (and Degree) Scholarship program, to be able to consider applications from students entering programs, applies to RN degree program applications and not other medical degree programs.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Ackerman

Angela De Smit and CAO

Angela De Smit left the teleconference at 2:03 p.m.
The CAO left meeting at 2:05 p.m.

11. DIARY



11.1 No changes were made to the Diary
Diary Items

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 The Committee's Terms of Reference were included for information.
Terms of Reference

12.2 The Health Care Scholarship Programs Summary Matrix was included for
information.
Health Care Scholarship
Programs Summary
Matrix

13. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Director Rose, Chair

Kori Elden, Recorder