



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-026

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: May 19, 2020

Subject: North Peace Division of Family Practice

The following motion was deferred from the May 7, 2020 Regional Board Meeting and is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION ON THE FLOOR: *[Corporate Weighted]*

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Goodings,

That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$100,000, payable from Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On April 23, 2020, the Committee of the Whole considered an application from the North Peace Division of Family Practice for a grant in the amount of \$100,000, payable from Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, in support of the UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program. Following a discussion regarding the surplus balance of \$111,682, reported by the North Peace Division of Family Practice in December 2019, and inconsistencies in the provision of project updates, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the Regional Board contact the North Peace Division of Family Practice to ascertain whether it required funding in the amount of \$100,000 in 2020, and to clarify its understanding of the reporting conditions placed upon it under Grant to Community Organizations funding.

Prior to the Regional Board's consideration of the Committee's recommendation, a PRRD Board Director reached out to the North Peace Division of Family Practice, who in turn forwarded the financial reporting, of how the grant money was spent, and the policies the society uses to disburse the money, to PRRD staff. The Board considered this information at its May 7, 2020 meeting and the following motion was made:

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Prior to voting on the motion, the Regional Board raised questions regarding the funding needs of the UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program and its physician retention rates, and resolved to defer consideration of the motion as follows:

That the Regional Board defer consideration of Resolution No. RD/20/05/26 (North Peace Division of Family Practice) from its May 7, 2020 meeting until the North Peace Division of Family Practice attends a future Regional Board meeting to present the past, present and future annual funding needs of the UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and physician retention rates.

The North Peace Division of Family Practice has been scheduled as a delegation to the Board at its May 28, 2020 meeting (Item 7.2).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$50,000, payable from Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and allocate the remaining \$50,000 to another use within the Grants to Community Organizations budget.
2. That the Regional Board decline to authorize a grant to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and allocate the \$100,000 to another use within the Grants to Community Organizations function.
3. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, \$100,000 will be released to the North Peace Division of Family Practice.

As per the attached NP Division of Family Practice Financial Report, the Society had a carry forward balance of \$67,439.00 on March 31, 2019, prior to receiving the \$100,000 grant from the PRRD in July of 2019. The Society spent \$55,756 in 2019 to assist resident doctors in the region with rent, exam fees and living expenses, as per their policies, and paid two signing bonuses in the amount of \$10,000 to two physicians who agreed to remain in the region for a minimum of one year in a full scope family practice. At December 31, 2019, the Society reported a surplus/balance of \$111,682.00.

The current balance in Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, is \$275,000, comprised of \$100,000 for the North Peace and \$75,000 for the South Peace, plus the \$100,000 originally earmarked for Northern Health for their recruiter position.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Board's decision will be communicated to the North Peace Division of Family Practice.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

External Link:

1. [‘North Peace Division of Family Practice’ report to May 7, 2020 Board Meeting](#)