



# REPORT

To: Health Care Scholarship Committee

Report Number: FN-HCSC-003

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 22, 2020

**Subject: PRRD/NHA Memorandum of Understanding – Health Care Scholarships**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Health Care Scholarship Committee recommend that the Regional Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northern Health Authority for a period of five years, and a total annual contribution amount of \$55,000, for the administration of the following PRRD Health Care Scholarships:

1. RN/RPN Return of Service Scholarship
2. Licensed Practical Nurse Scholarship
3. Technical Career Professional Development Scholarship
4. RN/RPN Professional Development Scholarship

Further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the MOU on behalf of the PRRD.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

At the September 17, 2019 Health Care Scholarship Committee meeting, a report was brought forward to the Committee for discussion regarding the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northern Health Authority (NHA) to provide direction for a coordinated launch of the remaining four PRRD Health Care Scholarships. A draft MOU written by NHA was presented, which outlined the purpose, roles and responsibilities, and a process for the administration of the scholarships. Based on the input provided by the Committee and further consultation with NHA, a final version of the MOU is attached to this report for the Committee to review. The value of the MOU remains at \$55,000 (annually), and pertains to the administration of the scholarships listed below:

1. \$15,000 - RN/RPN Return of Service Scholarship – Part 2
2. \$10,000 - Licensed Practical Nurse Scholarship
3. \$15,000 - Technical Career Professional Development Scholarship
4. \$15,000 - RN/RPN Professional Development Scholarship

These scholarships were created to support the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in the Peace Region. The launch of these scholarships is pending the approval of the MOU.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Health Care Scholarship Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The annual budget for the scholarships proposed to be administered by NHA under this MOU is \$55,000, of which \$10,000 is budgeted in Function 110 – Legislative Regional, and \$45,000 is budgeted in Function 275 - Grants to Community Organizations.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Staff will work with NHA to coordinate a communication plan to ensure the expectations outlined in the MOU are followed by both parties. Staff will collaborate with NHA to develop brochures as well as a social media campaign.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Draft PRRD and NHA Memorandum of Understanding