



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-113

From: Kori Elden, Executive Assistant/HR Generalist

Date: December 1, 2020

**Subject: Health Services Service Function**

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## **RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board authorize the establishment of a Service Function for Health Services.

## **RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board approve the inclusion of Air Ambulance Services, Search and Rescue Association, Health Care Scholarships, North Peace Health Services, and South Peace Health Services in the proposed Health Services service function.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

At the October 8, 2020 Meeting, the Regional Board passed the following motion:

*MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED*

That the Regional Board establish an Air Ambulance service function in the region.

The Board has also indicated a desire to continue to offer health care scholarships to assist with recruitment and retention of health care professionals in the region. Initiation of a new service function for air ambulance has already been approved, and it is suggested that one function for health services would be a reasonable approach. Previously, health care services support has been provided by grants through Service Function 275, Grants to Community Organizations and through Function 280, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants. Upon investigation through the Board's approval of the 2020 financial plan, it was determined that the Supplementary Letters Patent for Service Function 275 and the bylaw for Function 280 were being utilized to administer grants, outside of their authority.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Chetwynd Search and Rescue	6,000.00	5,657.34	5,411.00	6,000.00		<b>23,068.34</b>
South Peace Emergency Response Team	6,723.59	7,494.40	7,923.37	8,914.20	13,536.57	<b>44,592.13</b>
North Peace Search and Rescue	7,276.41	7,930.60	9,001.63	31,619.23	21,558.28	<b>77,386.15</b>
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue	2,000.00	241.00		783.15	768.33	<b>3,792.48</b>
Health Care Scholarships		28,775.12	54,000.00	26,000.00	85,500.00	<b>194,275.12</b>
SP Health Services Society			82,500.00	296,972.40	10,527.60	<b>390,000.00</b>
NP Division of Family Practice		75,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00		<b>250,000.00</b>
Shock Trauma Air Rescue Services	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	<b>170,000</b>

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

The Service Establishing Process and timeline is outlined in this report [Regional District Service Establishment Process](#), received at the August 11, 2020 Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting. Establishing a service function is estimated to take a minimum of 9 months.