



CBHSSJB Special Board of Directors Meeting Summary

April 28, 2022
Videoconference



GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Chiseinuukamikw Agreement

The Board voted to approve an agreement between Chiseinuukamikw, the Cree Nation of Mistissini, and the CBHSSJB to operate the Chiseinuukamikw transitional home for Elders.

The 16-bed Chiseinuukamikw transition facility houses Elders who require sustained support due to physical or cognitive difficulties, but do not need constant medical supervision. The previous agreement with Chiseinuukamikw and the Cree Nation of Mistissini expired on March 31, 2022; the new agreement runs for two years, from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024.



Additional Participants for Southcentral Foundation visit

The Board approved an amended list of participants for out-of-country travel to visit the Southcentral Foundation site in Anchorage, Alaska.

While ten participants received approval for out-of-country travel at the March regular Board of Directors meeting, this resolution approves the addition of six more participants while removing the DSPQA-Allied Health, a previously approved participant, who had already visited the Foundation.

The additional participants include representatives of Wiichihiituwin, Public Health, Nishiiyuu, Regional Services, Strategy and Organizational Development, and DMAS. The site visit, now with 15 participants, is scheduled for June 1-7, 2022, and will also include Nuka Core Concepts Training. The next site visit will be in September 2022 for Board members and support staff.



Southcentral Foundation visit [continued]

A pilot project at the Chisasibi CMC has already tested the viability of the Southcentral Foundation Integrated Care Team model; in addition, a project launched at the Mistissini CMC has drawn on this model to improve front-line service delivery. These initiatives have led to a new project to design the Miyupimaatisiun Integrated Care Model (M-ICT). The Southcentral Foundation site visit will enable individuals directly involved in designing the new M-ICT to study in detail SCF's model of care and facility design and to understand the importance of their Core Concepts training to the success of their model.



Nomination of AED – Miyupimaatisiun

The Board approved the nomination of Christina Biron as the Assistant Executive Director – Miyupimaatisiun.

This position had been vacant and filled on an interim basis since October 18, 2021.



Proposed Dates for Groundbreaking & Special Board Meeting

The Board was updated on some important proposed dates.

In Chisasibi, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Elders' Home and the 84-unit transit facility is proposed for May 31st or June 1st. A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors is proposed for the same time.

In Waskaganish, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Elders' Home is proposed for June 6th, 7th or the morning of the 8th.



A landscape photograph of a lake at sunset. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. The lake's surface is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. The shoreline is rocky and covered with low-lying vegetation, some of which has turned orange and yellow, suggesting autumn. In the background, there are more trees and a distant shoreline. A large, solid white circle is centered over the image, containing the text 'AED-ADMINISTRATION' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

AED- ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Financial Report (AS-617 Period 12)

The Board voted to approve the Quarterly Report (AS-617 Period 12) for 2021-22.

The Report noted an increase in expenses due to COVID-19, and a notable increase in CNIHB expenses. It also noted a significant surplus in federal funding and a decrease in training and travel expenses over this period.



Hemodialysis Services in Waskaganish update

The Board received an update on three options to meet the need for hemodialysis services in Waskaganish (with all options incorporating the community's home hemodialysis program). These options include (A) accelerating the timeline for the new CMC construction, (B) renovating the old police station to have a standard hemodialysis unit with five chairs while keeping the original unit in the new CMC, or (C) having the new CMC to have one hemodialysis unit with five chairs, as currently planned. The presentation included an assessment of comparative cost and timeline factors: the members fully supported Option A and mandate is given to Executive Director to proceed.



Purchase and Renovation of 3 West Aspen, Waswanipi

The Board voted to approve the purchase and renovation of the building at 3 West Aspen from the Cree Nation of Waswanipi. The facility will be used to support Ashuukin Services for autonomous and semi-autonomous Elders.



A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake reflecting a soft, pastel sky at dusk or dawn. The shoreline is covered in low-lying vegetation and rocks. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees is visible on a hillside. A large, white, semi-transparent circle is centered over the image, containing the text "MIYUPIMAATISUIIN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

MIYUPIMAATISUIIN

“Fly-In Fly-Out” Research Project Proposal

The Board voted to approve the submission of the “Fly-In Fly-Out” project proposal to the Secrétariat à la condition féminine (SCF). The SCF had invited the CBHSSJB to submit this proposal, which would run from May 2022 to March 2023. The project will receive \$250,000 in funding from SCF; further necessary funds will be raised through partners.

The mining industry is a major employer in Eeyou Istchee, but there is evidence that the “fly-in, fly-out” (FIFO) system for bringing workers to mines is having a significant negative effect on the commuters, their families, and their communities. A mandate is given to Executive Director to follow up on the recommendations and ensure proper process is being followed. Regular Progress reports will be provided to the board.



Fly-In Fly-Out” Research Project Proposal

As yet, no research has been carried out in Eeyou Istchee to assess the impact of this system, although research in other regions documents some of this negative impact.

The research project aims to document the impact of the FIFO system on individuals, families and communities; to identify specific factors that affect women and contribute to the collapse of individuals and the breakdown of families within Cree communities; and to define recommendations to address these factors.



NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 14-15-16

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