

ATTACHMENT 1

Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review (July 28, 2003)

Recommendation 1 (page 2):

Regional Hospital District contributions are voluntary. The onus rests with the Health Authority to develop and maintain effective working relations with RHDs in its region.

Recommendation 9 (page 4):

Implementation of the recommendations should begin in the fall of 2003 with a joint planning meeting between Health Authority and its RHDs.

The report recommends the establishment of procedures for consultation and communication that are designed to promote open discussion of capital requirements, responsiveness to local requirements and capacity by the Health Authorities, all organized against a background of long term planning and discussion. We recommend strongly that the new processes be started in the fall of 2003. It is generally understood that these processes will require some time to implement and to become meaningful to people.

Recommendation 10 (page 4):

Health Authorities should move towards a 5-year rolling capital plan and standard communication process.

Recommendation 11 (page 4):

In the fall, before Health Authority and RHD budgets are finalized a joint planning meeting (or series of meetings) should be held to discuss the content of the Health Authority's five year capital plan

Recommendation 12 (page 5):

The joint planning meeting should be used to meet educational objectives by providing an opportunity for the Health Authority to explain its planning assumptions as well the specific health outcomes it is pursuing.

The key to this new process is a joint planning meeting to be held in the fall of each year. At this meeting the Health Authority would present its rolling Five Year Plan along with background information and the basis for its planning decisions. Increasingly these joint planning events should become sessions in which Health Authorities and RHDs exchange ideas and views and tune the capital plans presented by the Health Authority. It may take some time to become effective in building these plans, but the direction is absolutely clear.