

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT TO THE HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

TITLE:

Correspondence

SUBJECT:

At the April and May meetings the Committee instructed staff to prepare various correspondence.

BACKGROUND:

The following correspondence was generated and received:

1. June 22, 2005 from Capital Regional Hospital District Chair Watson to VIHA Chair Kreut (Attach #1) expressing concern for:

(a) The restriction of information to the District which makes it very difficult for the District to understand its funding options and be accountable to its electors and furthermore, is contrary to the recommendations of the 2003 Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review. The suggestion included meeting between senior staff of both organizations.

(b) Requesting VIHA to provide the certain assurances to the CRHD Board as condition of the latter's capital cost sharing of the four intermediate care upgrading projects in May.

No response to date from the VIHA Board Chair but Mr. Conroy, Executive Vice-President and CEO, wrote June 17th (Attach #2) confirming that the 16 beds lost due to the upgrading to the four intermediate care projects will be partially compensated through the opening of 14 beds at the Gorge Road extended care facility.

Mr. Conroy also committed to a community engagement process for their 2010 Integration Plan (August to October 2005) involving each of the Regional Hospital Districts and involving all Regional Hospital Districts in the ten year Capital Plan, before it goes to the Ministry of Health.

2. May 18th letter (Attach #3) signed by all Regional Hospital Districts to the VIHA Board Chair objecting to the lack of any meaningful effort by the VIHA Board to connect with the RHD Boards and requesting the VIHA Board Chair accept a regular process of contact with them.

On June 7, Mr. Kreut responded (Attach #4) by accepting the option to attend the twice yearly Joint Capital Planning meetings, the next one being in October 2005.

3. May 17th letter (Attach #5) from the Ministry of Health Services' Deputy Minister, Ms. Penny Ballem; the only response received from the Ministry regarding the 2004 Assisted Living Review.

Copies of the correspondence are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be accepted as information.



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Comments of the Director of Finance:

N/A

Comments of the Acting Chief Administrative Officer:

