



**STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2008**

SUBJECT: JOINT MINISTRY OF HEALTH-HEALTH AUTHORITY-UBCM CAPITAL FINANCING REVIEW GROUP – 2003 REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT COST SHARING REVIEW

PURPOSE/ISSUE:

To nominate a Board Member and a staff member to represent the CRHD on the planned review of the progress made on the 2003 RHD Cost Sharing Review recommendations agreed to by the Ministry of Health and all Regional Hospital Districts at the 2007 UBCM annual convention.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, the Ministry, in cooperation with Regional Hospital Districts (RHDs) and Health Authorities (HAs), sponsored a review of cost sharing issues between RHDs and HAs. The 2003 Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review resulted in a number of recommendations for clarifying roles and responsibilities, communication and capital planning processes.

In August 2007, UBCM convened a meeting of Regional Hospital Districts to agree on priority issues common among the RHDs, and to streamline capital funding and planning processes between RHDs and HAs. The following items were identified as priority issues to be presented to the Minister of Health.

1. Long Term Planning/Funding
2. Funding Formula
3. Budget Cycle and Cash Management

At the convention, these priority issues were presented to the Minister of Health. The Minister agreed that the challenges facing the health care system and its capital funding continue to need improvement.

The Minister agreed to pursue a joint review of the 2003 RHD Cost Sharing Review between the Ministry, regional hospital districts and health authorities. The review will determine the progress on implementing the recommendations on capital funding and will determine future actions on the recommended directions that have not been achieved. This review is also aimed at improving relationships and creating transparency in the capital planning and cost sharing processes between RHDs and HAs.

The CRHD was instrumental in the development of the 2003 Cost Sharing Review. In light of its past participation and contribution, it is important that the CRHD again participate in the joint capital planning review group. RHDs look to the CRHD to take a lead role and steer the review from a Regional Hospital perspective.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. **The Board appoints Rajat Sharma, Manager, Health Facilities Planning Division and a Board Member, to be appointed by the Board Chair, to represent the CRHD on the joint Ministry of Health-Health Authority-UBCM Capital Financing Review Group.**
2. **The Board appoint Rajat Sharma, Manager, Health Facilities Planning Division to represent the CRHD on the joint Ministry of Health-Health Authority-UBCM Capital Financing Review Group.**

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

In order to address priority issues and present our Board of Directors with alternatives for future health capital funding, staff is also currently undertaking a review of the current CRHD funding model. The review will include an analysis of the CRHD's contributions towards major capital projects, minor capital projects, equipment funding and non-traditional (community) projects.

Key to this analysis and the participation in the UBCM review is the development of an "objective" setting out the future vision of health capital funding from the CRHD perspective. Participating in the review would also provide us with an opportunity to advance the CRHD's objectives and findings, through UBCM, to a broader set of audience and stakeholders.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:

The UBCM has requested that the CRHD appoint a Board Member and/or staff member to represent the District on the planned review of the progress made on the 2003 RHD Cost Sharing Review recommendations. Participation in this review is essential to a successful resolution of the capital planning and cost sharing issues currently faced by Regional Hospital Districts and Health Authorities.

In the past, Board members have not participated directly; however, have opted to appoint a staff representative who provides regular progress updates to the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning & Protective Services Committee recommends to the CRHD Board:

1. That Rajat Sharma, Manager, Health Facilities Planning Division and a Board member, to be appointed by the Board Chair, represent the CRHD on the joint Ministry of Health-Health Authority-UBCM Capital Financing Review Group.

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COMMENTS: