

Purpose

The purpose of this Directive is to clarify the relationship between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Stanton Regional Health Board. Specifically, this directive:

- 1) defines the roles of the Minister and the Board;
- 2) defines the responsibilities of the Minister and the Board;
- 3) specifies the health facilities the Board is responsible for managing, controlling and operating and lists any exceptions or restrictions to the Board's authority to manage, operate and control health facilities.

Definitions

- a) **Board** means the Stanton Regional Health Board, a Board of Management established pursuant to section 10 of the *Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act*;
- b) **Contribution Agreement** is an agreement that states the Board of Management's financial and administrative responsibilities;
- c) **Core Services** means health and social services as outlined in Core Services of the Department of Health and Social Services attached hereto as Schedule "A1";
- d) **Department** means the Department of Health and Social Services;
- e) **GNWT** means the Government of the Northwest Territories;
- 6) **Minister** means the Minister of Health and Social Services, Government of the Northwest Territories;
- g) **NWT** means the Northwest Territories.

1. Roles of the Minister and the Board

I) The Minister:

- a) is the devolved authority for health service provision in the *Northwest Territories Act* and Transfer Agreements (1982,1986,1988) with the federal government.
- b) is responsible for maintaining a relationship with the federal government and ensuring health and social services in the NWT continue to meet national principles and requirements.
- c) must ensure that the NWT adheres to the five principles of accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness, and public administration as they are set out in the *Canada Health Act*.
- d) is accountable to the GNWT and the public for the provision of health and social services.
- e) develops and implements policy and legislation, and co-ordinates the planning, management and delivery of health and social services through the Board.
- f) allocates health and social service resources to the Board; the Board shall retain any surplus or deficit incurred by their resource allocation.
- g) develops, approves and issues standards and guidelines for the provision of services as per schedule "A2" attached hereto; in the absence of NWT standards, recognized Canadian standards are to be used.
- h) shall negotiate and consult with the Board on any agreements with other GNWT departments for services not covered by the Contribution Agreement.

II) The Board:

- a) is delegated its authority under Section 13 of the *Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act*.
- b) is accountable to the Minister and to the residents it serves.
- c) shall assist other Boards to provide Core Services to their residents.
- d) shall plan, manage, deliver and integrate health services.

- e) shall assess the health needs of the residents it serves.
 - f) shall ensure that programs and services are delivered in a manner consistent with all other relevant federal and territorial legislation and regulations, GNWT policies, directives and agreements, and Departmental policies, directives, standards, guidelines and procedures.
 - g) shall submit a business plan to the Minister on an annual basis.
 - h) shall submit a budget to the Minister on an annual basis.
 - i) shall submit a report on operations to the Minister on an annual basis.
 - j) shall account to the Department for the funds expended in the Contribution Agreement.
 - k) shall manage, operate and control health facilities listed in section 3.
- III) The Minister and Board share the following vision for the NWT health and social services system:
- Our children will be born healthy and raised in a safe family and community environment which supports them in leading long, productive and happy lives.
- IV) The Minister and Board share the following goals for the NWT health and social services system:
- a) to improve the health status of NWT people.
 - b) to improve social and environmental conditions for NWT people.
 - c) to improve integration and coordination of health and social services, including services by government, non-government agencies, and private and volunteer sectors.
 - d) to develop more responsive, responsible and effective methods of delivering and managing services.
- V) The Minister and the Board share the following principles for the NWT health and social services system:
- a) **Universality:** All residents of the NWT have access to the services they need, and are treated fairly and with respect in the health and social services system.

- b) **Personal Responsibility:** Individuals and families have personal responsibilities to address their health and social needs.
- c) **Basic Needs:** Publicly funded programs and services will address basic health and social needs when these needs cannot be met by an individual or family.
- d) **Sustainability:** The health and social services system will operate in a way that does not threaten its ability to meet basic health and social needs over the long term.
- e) **Continuum of Care:** Programs and services will fit together as seamlessly as possible and will be integrated with other GNWT services wherever possible.
- f) **Prevention-oriented System:** All activities of the health and social services system will support the maintenance of physical, social and mental health, in addition to the treatment of illness and injury.
- g) **People-oriented System:** All activities of the health and social services system will support an approach which places the needs of people first.

2. Responsibilities of the Minister and the Board

- l) The Minister will:
 - a) implement and administer legislation and regulations, GNWT policies, directives and agreements, and Departmental policies, directives, standards, guidelines and procedures for health and social services provision.
 - b) describe Core Services to be provided.
 - c) set strategic direction and priorities for the NWT health and social services system.
 - d) develop a human resource plan consistent with the Department's and Board's strategic goals.
 - e) set and evaluate compliance with territorial requirements for service delivery in order to achieve improved health and well being.
 - f) carry out site visits, reviews, inspections, evaluations and audits to assess

and evaluate Board operations as deemed necessary by the Minister.

- g) gather data related to health and social service delivery in a timely and effective way.
- h) consult with the Board regarding legislation, policy and directives pertaining to Board authority, responsibility and accountability prior to making changes which impact on the Board and the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement.
- i) monitor population health and service delivery outcomes.

II) The Board will:

- a) provide services that are consistent with the strategic direction of the Department, Core Services, the appropriate standards and the needs of its residents as reflected in the Board's Business Plan.
- b) develop, set and evaluate compliance with standards for service delivery in order to achieve improved health and well being.
- c) ensure that money is spent in the pursuit of improved health and well being, administering the health and social services system in a manner that does not threaten its ability to meet basic human needs over the long term.
- d) establish and maintain a proper system of records and accounts of assets and liabilities in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*.
- e) consult with the Department regarding any changes made to Board policies which would impact on the Department and the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement.
- f) provide information requested by the Department related to the delivery of programs and services under the Contribution Agreement.
- g) monitor regional and community health and service delivery outcomes.

III) The Minister and Board will:

- a) develop a health and social service information system which can be directed toward the improvement of health and well being for residents.
- b) respect the privacy of individuals when using health and social services data.

- c) ensure that the provision of programs and services is coordinated at the Board and territorial level.
- d) co-operate to develop methods that will measure the effectiveness of health and social service delivery in order to improve the health and well being of Northwest Territories residents.

3. Facilities


Stanton Regional Health Board

Either directly or indirectly through contribution agreements, the Board is responsible for health facilities, including but not limited to the following:

Community	Facility Name	Description
Yellowknife	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stanton Regional Hospital• Stanton Medical Centre• Stanton Eye Clinic• Stanton Mental Health Clinic• Vital Abel House• Regional Environmental Health Protection Services	Regional Hospital Hospital Clinic Hospital Clinic Hospital Clinic Boarding Home Environmental Health Office

This Directive may be amended in writing by the Minister from time to time.

This Directive comes into effect October 1, 1998



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