

**DISTRICT OF CHETWYND**  
**Health Services Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** July 8, 2013  
**Time:** 2:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room  
**File No.:** 0540.20.24

**Present:** Coun. Pfanner, Chair  
 Coun. Brownlee  
 Coun. Galbraith  
 Coun. Weisgerber  
 Mayor Nichols

D. B. (Doug) Fleming, Chief Administrative Officer

**Absent:** Nil

**Public:** J. Clay, Northern Health  
 B. Morris, Northern Health  
 D. Hicks, Seniors Housing Society

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Pfanner called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.
2. **Assisted Living Opportunities** Betty Morris and Jaret Clay reviewed additional Assisted Living opportunities for Chetwynd. There are currently four (4) Assisted Living units in Chetwynd and it would be possible to expand this to five (5) units without too much effort.

Betty Morris explained how Residential Care works in relation to Assisted Living. There are currently seven (7) Residential Care units at the Chetwynd Hospital.

Northern Health (NH) is working on methods for better dealing with the various health care housing initiatives. The way Assisted Living (AL) operates, on a financial basis, was reviewed with the Committee members (i.e. 70% of income goes to housing and care needs, with the balance of rent/care costs, being subsidized jointly by Northern health and B.C. Housing). NH is also working on improving Respite Care delivery.

In order to expand to five (5) AL units B.C. Housing (BCH) will have to come on board with financial support. Betty Morris committed to contacting BCH in this regard.

Betty Morris reviewed the Residential Assessment Tool (RAI) used by NH in assessing client needs and qualifications for supportive housing. She also noted that NH is contracting with a former employee (Jim Rowe) to review and re-assess NH's health care and housing delivery model. Betty provided comments on the positive response be given of the Surerus Housing project from its residents.

Northern Health committed to contacting B.C. Housing in order to advance the concept of a fifth Assisted Living unit in Chetwynd.

**3. Other**


**3 (a)  
Health Services  
Study**

It was noted that Brian Spooner has been engaged to undertake a Health Services (Capacity) Review for Chetwynd. This work should start before the end of the month. The work done on a similar study for Fort Nelson was discussed. *(Contact Jaylene Arnold)*


**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Recorded by:

  
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D.B. (Doug) Fleming  
Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Health Services Committee Meeting held on July 8, 2013 in the Committee Room.

  
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Carol Newsom  
Director of Corporate Administration