

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

SUBJECT Island Health and Regional Hospital Districts Memorandum of Understanding

ISSUE SUMMARY

To approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Island Health and the Regional Hospital Districts (RHDs).

BACKGROUND

Island Health and its six RHDs meet semi-annually to discuss issues of regional significance. As part of these meetings the organizations sign a MOU that describes their working relationships. The MOU is routinely reviewed at the semi-annual meeting between Island Health and RHD representatives immediately following local government elections. The MOU was last revised in 2015 and ratified by the Island Health and RHD Boards.

Attached is a copy of the revised MOU with the changes from the previous version identified (Appendix A).

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

- a) That the revised Island Health and Regional Hospitals Districts Memorandum of Understanding be approved; and
- b) That the Capital Regional Hospital District Board Chair be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Alternative 2

That the revised Island Health and Regional Hospitals Districts Memorandum of Understanding be referred back to staff for further clarification based on Capital Regional Hospital District Board direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Intergovernmental Implications

The MOU outlines the parameters by which Island Health and the RHDs will work together toward achieving the best outcomes for the citizens of Vancouver Island. At the December 06, 2019 meeting Island Health proposed amendments to the MOU related to the definition of capital projects and the timing associated with performing a post occupancy performance measure evaluation. These changes broaden the definition of capital expenditures to include information management/information technology (IM/IT). The importance of IM/IT in patient care has been discussed at a number of our semi-annual meetings. The revision of the definition of capital in the 2019 MOU makes IM/IT eligible as capital expenditures.

Financial Implications

Revising the MOU has no financial implications as it does not change the annual amount the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) will provide Island Health or the percentage amount that CRHD will contribute to capital projects.

CONCLUSION

The MOU between Island Health and the RHDs was last updated in 2015 and it is necessary to update the document to reflect current working relationships between the parties.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the revised Island Health and Regional Hospitals Districts Memorandum of Understanding be approved; and
- b) That the Capital Regional Hospital District Board Chair be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: 2015 Memorandum of Understanding (with tracked changes)