

## ***Southern Health-Santé Sud***

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### **Mandate:**

Southern Health-Santé Sud is established under *The Regional Health Authorities Act*. Manitoba regional health authorities are responsible for providing the delivery of and administering health services to meet the health needs in their health regions in accordance with the Act and the regulations.

### **Authority**

[\*The Regional Health Authorities Act\*](#)

### **Responsibilities:**

Members of the regional health authority board are responsible for providing leadership in the delivery of and administering health services. They also develop and manage an integrated approach to local health care systems. They assume full board responsibilities and attend meetings on a regular basis. They must communicate effectively with the management and people in the region. They must ensure that sound financial management is used to meet the health needs of the region.

### **Membership:**

The board consists of up to 12 individuals appointed by the Minister, who appoints the Chair and has the authority to appoint one or more Vice-Chairs.

- Nine (9) members are appointed from the list of nominations received from within the health region,
- Two (2) are appointed from the community at large.
- One (1) is recommended to the Minister by the board. (*regional option rep*)

Nominations for appointment to the regional health authority are accepted on an ongoing basis and are available at the local regional health authority office or [online](#). It

is recommended that nominees wanting to be considered for appointment for the upcoming April 1<sup>st</sup> appointment start date submit their nomination form no later than December of the preceding year. Nominations can be submitted to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living or the local regional health authority office.

**Length of Terms:**

Three years per term - maximum 2 terms consecutively (6 years max)

However 1(5)(b) gives discretion to the Minister to extend appointments for anyone beyond six years but was intended for exceptional circumstances rather than routine practice. The relevant regulation reads:

**1(4) No director shall be appointed:**

- (a) For a term exceeding three years; or
- (b) To serve on a board for successive terms that exceed six years.

**1(5) Despite subsection (4), the minister may extend the term of a director for up to two years beyond the six-year limit if:**

- (a) The director
- (b) Is the chairperson of the board and remains chairperson after the extension takes effect, or
- (c) Is appointed as the chairperson at the time his or her term is extended; and
- (d) The minister, in his or her sole discretion, considers it advisable to do so.

**Qualifications:**

- Be eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the appointment;
- Have a strong commitment to improving the health system, to
- Supporting the RHA and to improving the health of Manitobans;
- Have strong communication skills;
- Have the time to prepare for and be able to attend board meetings on a regular basis;
- Be able to comply with regional conflict of interest guidelines.

**The following are NOT eligible to be directors:**

- The CEO of the RHA;
- Employees of the authority;
- Medical staff of the authority, including a member of a health profession who is not employed by the authority but has been granted privileges to provide services in a facility or program owned or operated in the health region n by the authority or a health corporation;
- Employees of a health corporation that owns or operates a facility or program in the health region;
- Medical staff of a health corporation that owns or operates a facility or program in the health region, including a member of a health profession who is not employed by the health corporation but has been granted privileges to provide services in a facility or program owned or operated in the health region by the health corporation;
- Employees of a health care organization that owns or operates a facility or program in the health region, but only if the health care organization receives funding from the authority that is 50% or more of its total revenue in a fiscal year;
- A lawyer, accountant or other person who provides professional advice to the RHA for remuneration;
- Any member of a Local Health Involvement Group (LHIG);

- Any individual who is a current employee or member of a medical staff of the regional health authority or a health corporation located within the health region of the regional health authority or a health care organization substantially funded by the regional health authority.

**Time commitment:**

The board meets at least ten times a year, generally once a month. In addition board members may also serve on various standing committees.

**Meetings:**

Frequency: Minimum ten times annually (third Thursday of every month). The Board does not meet in July and only meets as required in August for a two hour meeting.

Location: In Person. Meetings are held in various locations within the region (La Salle, Winnipeg, Southport, Law Broquerie, Winkler, Carman, etc.)

**Sub-Committee Requirements:**

Each Director is expected to participate on at least one subcommittee. Current subcommittees include: Policy Review Committee and the Community Engagement Committee. These committees meet three times per year for a maximum duration of two hours. All other committees meet as a whole during the regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

**Remuneration:**

Meetings/Education Sessions timed 1-4 hours at \$20 per hour  
Half day (4 hours) at \$80 and a full day (exceeds 5 hours) at \$150  
Evening session at \$80

Travel allowance (mileage) is paid in accordance with current Manitoba Government Employee's Master Agreement.