

FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The Finance & Facilities Committee serves to provide an advisory and monitoring role. The Committee's role is to assist and advise the Board of Health, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and the Assistant Director of Finance in the administration and risk management of matters related to the finances and facilities of the organization.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Finance & Facilities Committee is a committee reporting to the Board of Health of the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU). The Chair of the Finance & Facilities Committee, with the assistance of the CEO and the Assistant Director of Finance, will make reports to the Board of Health as a whole following each of the meetings of the Finance & Facilities Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Finance & Facilities Committee will consist of a total of five (5) voting members. The members will include the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Health and in total, the membership will contain at least one Middlesex County Board member, one City of London Board member and two provincial Board members.

The Secretary and Treasurer will be an ex-officio non-voting member.

Staff support includes:

- CEO;
- Assistant Director of Finance; and
- Executive Assistant (EA) to the Board of Health and/or the EA to the CEO.

Other Board of Health members can attend the Finance & Facilities Committee but are unable to vote.

CHAIR

The Finance & Facilities Committee will elect a Chair at the first meeting of the year to serve for a one or two-year term. The Chair of the Committee may be appointed for additional terms following the completion of an appointment to enhance continuity of the Committee.

TERM OF OFFICE

At the first Board of Health meeting of the year, the Board will review the committee membership. At this time, if any new appointments are required, the position(s) will be filled by majority vote. The appointment will be for at least one year, and where possible, staggered terms will be maintained to ensure a balance of new and continuing members. A member may serve on the committee as long as they are a Board of Health member.

DUTIES

The Finance & Facilities Committee will seek the assistance of and consult with the CEO and the Assistant Director of Finance for the purposes of making recommendations to the Board of Health on the following matters:

1. Financial statements and analyses,
2. Annual cost-shared and 100% funded program budgets,
3. Annual financial statements and auditor's report,
4. Insurance carried by MLHU,
5. Physical assets and facilities,
6. Service level agreements,
7. Funding agreements,
8. Finance-related governance policies, and
9. Financial risks faced by the organization and the appropriateness of related controls to minimize their potential impact.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Finance & Facilities Committee will meet monthly in advance of the Board of Health meetings. A meeting can be cancelled at the call of the Chair of the Committee if the meeting is deemed to be not required.

AGENDA & MINUTES

1. The Chair of the Committee, with input from the CEO and the Assistant Director of Finance, will prepare agendas for regular meetings of the Committee.
2. Additional items may be added at the meeting if necessary.
3. The recorder is the EA to the Board of Health or the EA to the CEO.
4. Agenda and minutes will be made available at least five (5) days prior to meetings.
5. Agenda and meeting minutes are provided to all Board of Health members.

BYLAWS:

As per Section 19.1 of Board of Health By-Law No. 3, the rules governing the proceedings of the Board shall be observed in the Committees insofar as applicable. This will include rules related to conducting of meetings; decision making; quorum and self-evaluation.

REVIEW

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed every two (2) years.