

APPENDIX C - ATTESTATION

Prepared in accordance with section 15 of the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (BPSAA)

TO: The Board Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, (the "Board")

FROM: **Andrew Williams**
President & Chief Executive Officer
Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance

DATE: **June 1, 2020**

RE: **April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 ("the Applicable Period")**

On behalf of the **Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance** (the Hospital) I attest to:

- the completion and accuracy of reports required of the Hospital pursuant to section 6 of the BPSAA on the use of consultants;
- the Hospital's compliance with the prohibition in section 4 of the BPSAA on engaging lobbyist services using public funds;
- the Hospital's compliance with any applicable expense claims directives issued under section 10 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet;
- [to be added once ss. 15(1)(c.1) of the Act is proclaimed into force] the Hospital's compliance with any applicable perquisite directives issued under section 11.1 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet; and
- the Hospital's compliance with any applicable procurement directives issued under section 12 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet, during the Applicable Period.

In making this attestation, I have exercised care and diligence that would reasonably be expected of a insert applicable title i.e. hospital administrator/superintendent/CEO in these circumstances, including making due inquiries of Hospital staff that have knowledge of these matters.

I further certify that any material exceptions to this attestation are documented in the attached Schedule A.

Dated at **Stratford**, Ontario this **June 4, 2020**.



Andrew Williams
President & Chief Executive Officer
Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance

I certify that this attestation has been approved by the board of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance on **June 4, 2020**.



Ron Lavoie
Board Chair
Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance

SCHEDULE A to Attestation

1. Exceptions to the completion and accuracy of reports required in section 6 of the BPSAA on the use of consultants;

-No exceptions
2. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the prohibition in section 4 of the BPSAA on engaging lobbyist services using public funds;

-None
3. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the expense claims directive issued under section 10 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet;

-None
4. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the perquisites directive issued under section 11.1 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet; and

-None
5. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the procurement directive issued under section 12 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet.

Following my review, I certify that, to the best of my understanding, knowledge and belief, HPHA has no material exceptions to declare regarding its compliance with the procurement directive issued under section 12 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet (the "**Procurement Directive**"), other than those listed below.

HPHA, like all public hospitals in Ontario, has been committed to full compliance with the requirements of the Procurement Directive.

While HPHA has endeavoured to comply fully with the requirements of the Procurement Directive, there may be certain circumstances in which the Hospital has failed to comply with the strict letter of the Procurement Directive despite its best efforts.

- a) The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is a Member of the Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) HealthPRO and in accordance with HPHA policy had anticipated participation in the competitively bid process and submitted HPHA's interest form to HealthPRO in September 2018 along with the service requirement assessment on March 25, 2019. HealthPRO had a delay in contract award and advised that the timeline for award is tentatively July 2019. As per BPS Procurement Directive Mandatory Requirement 7.2.21 Non-Competitive Procurement, HPHA extended the existing agreement with Northwest with an expiry date that will allow for a transition period should there be a change in provider and participate in the procurement initiative once awarded. These Service is provided exclusively by licensed professionals therefore exempt as it is Medical Prof Services.

- b) As per BPS Procurement Directive Mandatory Requirement 7.2.21 Non-Competitive Procurement, in favour of Value for Money, The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, Stratford Site provides centralized/regionalized microbiology services to the twelve (12) hospitals in the InterHospital Laboratory Partnership (IHLP). Media provided through this vendor was validated in 2016. New equipment is being implemented within the year which will affect the volumes. The IHLP Regional Microbiology Service cannot at this time support validation of new media for the service we provide to the IHLP.
- c) As per BPS Procurement Directive Mandatory Requirement 7.2.21 Non-Competitive Procurement, The InterHospital Laboratory Partnership (IHLP) is a group of 12 hospital laboratories that work together with standardized equipment, operating procedures and reference ranges. The IHLP currently utilizes the Abbott iSTAT, a handheld portable blood analyzer that delivers real-time results in minutes. The instrument is used as a point-of-care (POC) device at two of our 12 sites (PDH and HDH) and as main analyzers for certain tests (e.g Troponins, Blood Gases) across the IHLP. The iSTAT is also a backup to our mainframe analyzers. Extensive work on comparability to our mainframe analyzers allows common reference ranges which facilitates clinical decision making. In anticipation for the contract end date, an RFI was posted on March 22, 2019 for the purpose of obtaining information for portable Point-of-Care (POC) instrumentation for performing a select menu of chemistry, blood gas and cardiac marker testing within the Region. Outcomes from that RFI show a need to initiate the RFP process for this procurement. Capital dollars have been allocated for spring of 2020.
- d) The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) & Area has formally been invited by the Ministry of Health to submit a formal application to be designated as an Ontario Health Team. The primary objective in establishing these teams across the province is to enable more seamless, coordinated care for the patients, families and caregivers receiving care and support through our health system. With the uncertainties of how linking the various parts of our system will impact us and the scope of services, HPHA will be continuing our relationship with Ernst and Young for External Audit Services.
- The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) will be establishing a two (2) year contract with Ernst and Young for External Audit Services. There is currently no VOR by MGCS available for these services. This exception was carried out in order to align our active contract with the pending changes with the development of the Ontario Health Teams. As per BPS Procurement Directive Mandatory Requirement 7.2.21 Non-Competitive Procurement, in favour of Value for Money, HPHA extended the existing agreement with Ernst & Young.