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**Minutes:** November 5, 2021, 11:00am via zoom and in person in the AHHC boardroom

Present: In person- Rod Ward, Delynne Patterson, Carol Ballantyne, Brad Kneller, Tom Bryson, Norm Hofstetter

Zoom- Dennis Banka, Marianne Stickland, Barbara Belrose

Regrets: Cathy Still

Guests: In person- Kevin MacLeod

Secretary- In person- Camille Barr

Called to order at 11:00 am by Chair R. Ward

Welcome Delynne Patterson to the AHH Council

1. 2021-053 Moved by T. Bryson and Seconded by B. Kneller  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None at this time
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None at this time
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None at this time
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - a) **Revisit of the Terms of Reference for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council**

R. Ward reviewed the draft Terms of Reference with Council. Council is asked to further review and bring any changes or recommendations to R. Ward by next meeting. Council wishes to have the terms finalized prior to entering a new election year to provide a foundation for the group. Draft terms will be reviewed by C. Still and N. Kunkel prior to finalizing as the Village of Burk's Falls maintains ownership of the facility.

Discussion occurred concerning a letter that was sent to councils in 2017 asking for approval to utilize OTN reserves for other items, should it be needed. R. Ward asked all to go back through their files to see if their councils have this resolution archived.

C. Ballantyne shared concern that Kearney remains not included in the BFFHT mandated catchment. Also noted was McMurrich/Monteith as not included. Discussion occurred and AHH Council will advocate to the ministry through letters of support to the municipal councils, to have Kearney and McMurrich/Monteith included. R. Ward will also discuss with Norm Miller. C. Barr and R. Ward will work together to prepare a draft letter of support for next meeting.

**b) Sign for the AHC Boardroom**

C. Barr has connected with a sign provider who was able to create a mock up sign on wood with vinyl overlay. Council looking for a sign that is engraved wood. C. Barr will continue to obtain mockups for the Bruce Campbell boardroom sign to bring to AHH Council.

**c) BFFHT Renovation Costs**

Five municipal councils were asked to contribute to the renovation costs for the Family Health Team. The reason five were asked is due to these five being within the mandated catchment to be served by the BFFHT however there are ten who sit on the Council. Four have responded and as such the project is \$5000.00 short of what will be needed. B. Kneller will go back to Council in Magnetawan to explain the five being asked vs ten. K. MacLeod shared he may reach out the various service groups and other municipalities for support. R. Ward to clarify with N. Kunkel and C. Still the draft terms of reference and how funds in account for AHC can be spent.

**d) Update on Resolutions to Support Rent Assistance for Physiotherapist**

C. Barr shared that to date Burk's Falls has heard from Armour, Burk's Falls, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Strong, and Ryerson. C. Ballantyne noted Kearney did not receive the letter to support rent assistance. C. Barr to send to Kearney. B. Belrose requested that Sundridge receives a letter indicating that the physio services will be available to all of Almaguin. C. Barr to connect with Physiotherapist to obtain this letter.

Additionally, C. Barr confirmed that the physiotherapist is comfortable with signage on the practice door indicating the municipalities that sponsored the rent support. He wanted to also ensure the group was aware that services were not covered under OHIP (similar to chiropractic and massage). He also clarified his credentials are Registered Physiotherapist vs. doctor.

**e) Other business**

K. MacLeod updated on the BFFHT renovations which are moving forward, working with the Village of Burk's Falls. Dr. Salmon is building her practice and currently sharing space with the other doctors. BFFTH is close to having someone in place to fill the role of OTN Telemedicine Nurse. The BFFHT will be host to some medical students next year beginning in July 2022. Additionally, they will also support a nurse practitioner student.

An application was submitted through CMHA to fund a rapid access addiction clinic. Addiction has been on the increase since the pandemic. K. MacLeod also shared they are looking to expand mental health services due to an increase in waitlists.

K. MacLeod shared that the Board for the BFFTH decided not to pursue becoming a part of the OHT at this time. They will continue to do what they can to integrate services within their abilities.

R.Ward let Council know that Armour may host a flu and Covid-19 vaccination clinic at the Katrine Community Centre. R. Ward will share date when it is secured. He also shared he continues to attend the OHT meetings now once a month. He is a part of the digital working group that also meets monthly. R. Ward has brought forward that tech in rural areas can be a barrier. He will continue to provide updates from the meetings to this group.

**2021-054** Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Carol Ballantyne

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 12:25pm to meet again on December 3rd at 11:00am. Carried.

Location will be AHHC boardroom or via zoom.

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