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**Minutes:** January 7, 2022, 11:00am via Zoom

Present: Rod Ward, Tom Bryson, Carol Ballantyne, Brad Kneller, Dennis Banka, Delynne Patterson, Barbara Belrose

Regrets: Marianne Stickland, Cathy Still, Norm Hofstetter

Guests: Kevin MacLeod, Courtney Metcalf

Secretary: Camille Barr

Called to order at 11:01am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2022-058 Moved by B. Kneller and Seconded by T. Bryson  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from December 3, 2021, as circulated. Carried.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None at this time

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None at this time

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

2022-059 Moved by Carol Ballantyne and Seconded by Barbara Belrose

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council receives an invoice from Kevin MacLeod of the Burk's Falls Family Health Team for the purchase of an air purifier with HEPA filters for the OTN space and;

**FURTHER** authorizes the Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$598.55 to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team from the OTN reserve fund. Carried

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1) **Revisit of the Terms of Reference for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council**

No further progress has been made on this item. At the last meeting Council was happy with the terms. R. Ward will contact N. Kunkel and C. Still of the Village of Burk's Falls to set up a meeting discussing the financial portion of the terms, being

that the Village of Burk's Falls is owner of the building. R. Ward will provide an update at the next meeting.

**2) Update on the Bruce Campbell Boardroom Sign**

C. Barr purchased the sign and shared it with Council. Council is pleased with the product. R. Ward will reach out to Bruce Campbell and hopes to have a presentation for him in the month of February, pending COVID-19 restrictions.

**3) Update on the Letter and Resolution for Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith to be Included in the FHT Catchment Area**

R. Ward provided a brief review of this item to Council. C. Barr will resend the resolution and letter to C. Marshall, Clerk of McMurrich-Monteith, for their next Council meeting.

**4) Update on North East "Health Hubs" Discussions**

R. Ward and M. Stickland did attend a meeting on December 15, 2021 with the North East OHT Steering Committee. There is no further update on this item currently. R. Ward will update Council as updates become available.

**5) Update on Potential COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Katrine Community Centre**

R. Ward is exploring the possibility of hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Katrine Community Centre. He has reached out to the health unit however has received little information. EMS is willing to assist with the initiative however much support would be needed from others to handle the administrative portion of the clinic. K. MacLeod's team has some experience with running clinics and agreed there is a lot of work on the administrative side. He shared that the FHT would be willing to support it administratively and with immunizations as they are able. K. MacLeod will share his contacts with R. Ward. R. Ward to update Council as updates are available. The aim is to host this in January or February as able.

**6) Municipal Engagement with Ontario Health Teams Report**

The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) published a report which was shared with Council members. In the report AMO is advocating to have municipal representation at the OHT tables. R. Ward will seek more information from AMO on this. The work being done may go a long way in supporting municipalities to have a seat and a voice at the table.

**7) NOSM Medical Students**

K. MacLeod updated Council that the FHT will be welcoming 3rd year medical students already on placement in Huntsville and Bracebridge to the practice. This placement in Almaguin will offer the students the opportunity to practice in a rural northern Ontario setting. Students will be onsite 2 at a time, 2-3 days per week, beginning in September.

K. MacLeod shared that when students come to placement, typically the area they are completing residency in will plan an orientation. This can include a welcome from the Mayor, a tour. Some have done a small amazing race. This orientation will be thought about by the Council over the next bit.

The FHT is also exploring the opportunity to have family medicine residents in rotation at the clinic.

NOSM sent C. Barr and K. MacLeod an email regarding Community Profile Development. The Council believes there is already one in place, however it may need to be reviewed. C. Barr will reach out to NOSM to understand what is currently on file. R. Ward and C. Metcalf will assist should there be changes required or content requiring development.

**8) Progress Report**

R. Ward provided a brief overview of the updates for Council.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:** None at this time

**7. 2022-060** Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Tom Bryson  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:35am to meet again on February 4, 2022 at 11:00am. Carried.

Location will be via Zoom.