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**Minutes: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Via Zoom**

**Present:** Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, Tom Bryson, Barbara Marlow, Brad Kneller, Marianne Strickland, Carol Ballantyne and Cathy Still.

**Regrets:** Norm Hofstetter and Lyle Hall (Barbara Belrose representing Lyle Hall).

**Guests:** None at this time

**Secretary:** Erica Kellogg

Call to order at 11:02am by Chair Rod Ward.

1. 2021-044 Moved by Barbara Marlow and Seconded Marianne Strickland  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as circulated. Carried.

2. **Delegations:** None at this time.

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** R.Ward regarding Resolution #2021-46

4. **Resolutions passed:**

2021-045 Moved by Marianne Strickland and Seconded Tom Bryson

**WHEREAS** The Almaguin Highlands Health Council advocates for the improvement and expansion of health services offered within the Almaguin Highlands Region; and

**WHEREAS** The Almaguin Highlands Ontario Health Team application has not moved beyond 'in discovery' and the Health Council has engaged with other Ontario Health Team applicants on potential partnerships; and

**WHEREAS** The Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team (MAOHT) has invited the Almaguin Health Council to be an active member of the MAOHT Steering Committee and the Almaguin Region is now included in future strategies that align with Muskoka and Area OHT; and

**FURTHERMORE** The Almaguin Highlands Health Council now deems the Almaguin Highlands Ontario Health Team application 'on hold' until further notice.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Council does not support the creation of an 'Almaguin only' Ontario Health Team at this time. Should there be a significant negative change in the relationship with MAOHT, the Almaguin Highlands Health Council will reevaluate the Almaguin Highlands Ontario Health Team application. Carried

2021-046 Moved by Cathy Still and Seconded Brad Kneller

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee receives invoice VPS395 from Vantage Points Strategies Inc. and hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$183.06. (Chair Ward excused himself from the Zoom meeting while the resolution was discussed)

#### 4. Items for Discussion

- a) R. Ward informed the Council he has presented to various Almaguin Councils along with the SSJ Medical Centre Committee regarding the MAOHT. The MAOHT resolution from May was re-tabled and passed. R. Ward thanked M. Stickland for continued efforts on the AHOHT application. M. Stickland indicated that Council has done as the Ministry has asked with respect to the application and notes Council is encouraged to be pragmatic regarding OHT's.
- b) R. Ward also updated the Council that he has been asked to participate in a NELHIN meeting regarding Northern OHT's. R. Ward will update Council after the meeting has taken place, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c) C. Still informed Council that the fifth physician joining the BFFHT will open her practice September 2021, sharing space within the BFFHT.
- d) June's AHHC Status Report, R. Ward discussed the status update.
- e) Treasure's report: received with no questions.
- f) Other business – non at this time

Resolution: 2021-47 Moved by Barbara Marlow and Seconded by Tom Bryson

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 11:52 to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.