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Minutes: June 1, 2023, 11:00 am via Zoom and in the Village of Burk's Falls Council Chambers

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Brad Kneller, Chris Hope, Tom Bryson, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Vicky Roeder-Martin, Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm

Guests: Shelly Van den Heuvel (BFFHT), Isabel Pereira, Tammy Wylie (Village of Burk's Falls)

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

1. 2023-16 Moved by B. Kneller - Seconded by T. Bryson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of May 4, 2023 as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
2023-17 Moved by M. MacPhail - Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council appoint Fraser Williamson to the Palliative Care Task Force with the MAOHT effective immediately. Carried.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None
 - a) **Progress Report**
R. Ward reviewed the June Progress Report with Council. The report will be shared with the draft minutes. Additions included candidate for Patient Family Caregiver task force, letters of support for primary care expansion, Local Share update, and discussions initiated with MAHC re: satellite hospital services in Almaguin.
 - b) **Other Business**
Palliative Care Task Force- M. MacPhail shared that Dr. Harold has been involved with the Task Force for some time now. She says the group as done much work over the past 20 years and hopes to see the plans created over the years implemented. In home palliative care is a necessary service. The group continues to look for real life

experiences to learn and provide good supports. F. Williamson will attend the next Task Force meeting as a representative of the AHH Council.

Patient Family Caregiver Steering Partner Advisory Committee-

I. Pereira has put forward her name to join the Patient Family Caregiver Steering Partner Advisory Committee with the MAOHT.

Primary Care Expansion Letters of Support-

S. Van den Heuvel, Executive Director of the Burk's Falls Family Health Team reiterated the importance of receiving letters of support from member municipalities to go along with the expression of interest for expansion of primary care service. She shared they are on track with the submission and coordinating with other Health Teams also asking developing submissions to prevent being disjointed.

Please submit your letters of support the Dr. MacKinnon and S. Van den Heuvel asap. Thank you to all who already have.

Long-Term Plan for the Health Centre in Burk's Falls-

C. Hope asked that if there are questions related to the long-term plan for the Health Centre, these are to be directed back to the Village of Burk's Falls cc'ing C. Barr on the email.

MAOHT Presentation-

The Health Council would like the MAOHT to present to the group on the various committees established. Secretary will reach out to Greg or Marsha and aim to book them for the September meeting.

MAHC Services-

R. Ward shared that discussions are occurring regarding what services MAHC could move to the Almaguin area. He said that if we are providing funds, services need to be available here. As an example, what other services does the hospital provide that could move this way? C. Harrison and R. Ward have had some discussion with the bottom line being the need for more services.

R. Ward shared that Gravenhurst is putting together a health hub and MAHC feels it makes sense to have a similar model in the North. Gravenhurst will offer services for unattached patients and after hours care. He notes there is a balance as it implicates the FHT and the Health Centre. R. Ward says we must be involved if the discussions become serious. He notes Gravenhurst would manage the South and potentially Almaguin could manage the North. There is funding. The conversations are ongoing.

There was discussion about the service offered by MAHC in the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. These are Diabetes Services, Lab, Cardio and EKG, X-Ray, and Post Operative Physiotherapy.

R. Ward shared that health care is the number one employer in the area and the timing is right to have these conversations.

Local Share-

R. Ward updated Council that at this stage 3.4 million has loosely been raised in commitments with 700,000 of this allocated for the Almaguin Highlands. Conversations will occur every year at budget time for municipal councils and as budgets are finalized, adjustments may be required. Overall, the commitments there.

2023- 18 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by J. Ronholm

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:00 am to meet again on June 1, 2023, at 10:00 am. Carried.

Location will be the Village of Sundridge Council Chambers

* 12:00pm AHH Council took a tour of the Burk's Falls Family Health Team's newly renovated space. This space includes a new OTN room, a mental health suite, clinical space, ED office, a procedure room as well reception and a small waiting area. A special thank you to all the municipalities who contributed to these renovations was shared.

Please see photos attached of the space including a card for municipal contributors. Congratulations to the BFFHT.





