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**Minutes:** September 10th 2021, 11:00AM via Zoom

**Present:** Rod Ward, Marianne Stickland, Cathy Still, Lyle Hall, Brad Kneller, Barbara Marlow (arrived later)

**Regrets:** Carol Ballantyne, Tom Bryson, Kevin MacLeod, , Dennis Banka, Norm Hofstetter

**Guests:** Jeanette Smith (ACED), Nicky Kunkel (Village of Burk's Falls)

**Secretary:** Camille Barr

Called to order at 11:04 am by Rod Ward

1. 2021-048 Moved by Cathy Still and Seconded by Marianne Stickland  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Council adopt the minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021, as circulated. Carried.
2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** None at this time.
3. **Delegations:** None at this time.
4. **Resolutions to be passed:** None at this time.
5. **Items for Discussion:**
  - a) Updates from Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team (MAOHT): R. Ward shared updates with Council from MAOHT.  
R. Ward commented that the team is quite busy. He has been able to attend all meetings. He shared with Council that some smaller OHTs have asked to join the Muskoka and Area OHT based on the speed at which they are progressing. The team is cautious to become too big too fast. It was decided to put a moratorium on it considering the amount of work the team still has ahead to accomplish.  
R. Ward updated that the Patient Family Caregiver that was selected has is unable to fulfil the position at this time. The team does not have a representative replacement however is leaving the door open to this persons return.  
R. Ward shared that the working group met from April to July. Their materials were accepted and the working group concluded. R. Ward is now part of the digital working group, set to start meeting this fall.  
MAOHT received funding for a Patient Navigator. Position will be contract and accountable for understanding how to access health care chains between OHN's.

- b) Revisit Terms of Reference for Almaguin Highlands Health Council: R. Ward moved the topic of revisiting of the Terms of Reference for the AHHC to the next meeting. In the meantime, R. Ward and C. Barr will work together to find out where this task was left off.
- c) Sign for the AHHC Boardroom: R. Ward moved discussion of sign for the AHHC boardroom to the next meeting. R. Ward and C. Barr will work together on this project outside of meeting.
- d) Public Wi-fi Access for AHHC Building: R. Ward moved this to next meeting.
- e) September AHHC Progress Report: R. Ward reviewed and provided summary progress for this month.
- f) Other business:
  - N. Kunkel provided a refresher to this Council about health care in Almaguin Highlands and how the stakeholders work together. N. Kunkel shared that every year the Village reviews their deficits for the AHHC and since 2019 has put the deficits out to the other 10 municipalities to ask for support to provide services in Almaguin  
N. Kunkel clarified to Council there is a difference between the FHT which reached out to the 5 municipalities in their rostered catchment area for support, and the AHHC/Village of BF which reaches out from support from the 11 municipalities as they all access the shared services. Many contributed to the conversation. She shared FHT is still trying to get the Ministry to recognize McMurrich/Monteith and Kearney as a part of this.
  - B. Kneller had several questions regarding building renovations and how requests for funding support are determined. Discussion occurred and questions were answered. It was determined this item needs to be placed on next meetings agenda when K. MacLeod of the Family Health Team can be in attendance to any that were not able to be answered.

Resolution: 2021-049 Moved by Lyle Hall and Seconded by Marianne Stickland THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Council adjourn at 12:07pm to meet again on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 11:00am. Location to be determined. Carried.