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Minutes: March 7, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Chris Hope, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Vicky Roeder-Martin, Tom Bryson, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Phillip, Norm Hofstetter, Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Brad Kneller

Guest: Susan Keast (HHR MAOHT), Isabel Pereira, Courtney Metcalf (ACED), Rod Blakelock, Rebecca Paul (BFFHT), Sarah MacKinnon (SDMC), Cheryl Harrison (CEO and President of MAHC)

Called to order at 10:02 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2024-08 Moved by D. Patterson - Seconded by T. Bryson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of February 1, 2024, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
 - 2024-09 Moved by C. Hope – Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council agrees to receive rebranding funding from NECO for the Burk's Falls Family Health Team and will release it along with \$2000.00 from the AHC Council as per resolution 2024-03, to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team. Carried.
 - 2024-10 Moved by F. Williamson – Seconded by J. Ronholm
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council supports the payment of \$620.37 to WMAC Photography for pictures of Almaguin health facility buildings. Carried.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
 - a) **Update on Hospital Build and Local Share**
Cheryl Harrison (CEO and President of MAHC) updated the group on the hospital project. More stakeholder engagement will occur with the next series being different in that registration is required. All are encouraged to sign up for the weekly updates on the MAHC website to keep informed.

A local share meeting will be held next week. R. Ward provided the group with the Almaguin local share status as of January 2024.

b) **Update on Burk's Falls and Sundridge Funding Announcement**

The funding received by the Sundridge and District Medical Centre and the Burk's Falls Family Health Team is ongoing. The Almaguin municipalities were acknowledged for their letters of support. HHR S. Keast is working with the teams on recruitment. It was noted the cooperation between both the health centres was key in making this application a success.

c) **BFFHT Rebranding Project and Photo Project**

See Resolutions Passed

d) **AHH Council Spending and Annual Request for Contribution, Discussion**

Council discussed requests for financial support they received from various health practitioners and groups and how best to proceed.

Each municipal representative will discuss with their individual councils what they understood the 20% holdback for local share would be allocated for.

e) **Progress report**

Council received the *Progress Report* for the month of March.

f) **Other business**

S. Keast provided an update on doctor recruitment. Her most recent tour will include two doctors visiting Sundridge, working with Dr. MacKinnon and Mayor Tim Bryson. S. Keast will attend a three-day trade show focusing on the needs of the FHT. In April she will be at NOSM for a 1-hour session with forty-one students.

The AHH Centre has hired a Janitor/Maintenance person for the buildings. This is a change from the two separate contracts and will allow for more presence.

2024-11 Moved by T. Bryson - Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:10 am to meet again on April 4, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Carried.