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Minutes: June 6, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Chris Hope, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Vicky Roeder-Martin, Tom Bryson, Jim Ronholm, Brad Kneller, Keven Beaucage and Jill Sharer (for Kearney), Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip and Norm Hoffstetter

Guest: Isabel Pereira, Sandy Zurbrigg, Rebecca Paul, Cheryl Harrison, Denis Duguay

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

1. 2024-16 Moved by Fraser Williamson - Seconded by Brad Kneller
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2024, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
 - 2024-17 Moved by Chris Hope - Seconded by Tom Bryson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council prepares an RFP for the 'Almaguin Highlands Health Care Assessment and Strategic Roadmap'; and
That this RFP goes to tender; and
That each municipal representative requests their municipality contributes 10% of approximately \$20,000.00 to complete the project. Carried.
 - 2024-18 Moved by Delynne Patterson - Seconded by Vicky Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council request a proposal from the Village of Burk's Falls demonstrating how the 10 municipalities could be involved in the ownership model of the building located at 150 Huston Street, to be received early fall. Carried.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
 - a) **Care at Home Update**

The Committee is completing a yearend review to be presented at their next meeting. A pilot project has begun focusing on patients with specific conditions. The ultimate goal is to engage community care in a quicker timeframe so people are able to return home faster while receiving the necessary supports (rehabilitation etc.). Care at

Home Working Group will be meeting in June and then will take a break in July or meet at the call of the Chair.

b) **Kearney and McMurrich-Montieth Inclusion in Catchment of BFFHT**

Kearney and McMurrich-Montieth continue to not be included in the physician contract however as explained, are still being served. This is an administrative matter. Both the lead from the physician group and Executive Director of the BFFHT have raised the issue. Graydon Smith is also aware however, the matter is really one for Ontario Health.

The BFFHT does have a waitlist and continue to take patients from Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith. Patients rostered are not based on location. They are prioritized based on whether they currently have a provider or not. A request to meet will be sent to the Ontario Health contact with Executive Director of the BFFHT facilitating the ask. CAO of MAHC suggested this is raised at the the health human resource table. HHR to raise the matter.

Primary care funding received between the BFFHT and the Sundridge and District Medical Centre is being used. The BFFHT has hired 2 nurse practitioners and Sundridge has hired an RN and administrative support. HHR has been a player in the successful recruitment. A dietitian has also been hired from existing funding to provide support. With the NPs hired, many people will be able to move off of the BFFHT waitlist for primary care as they will slowly begin to roster patients.

The two teams continue to work together in many ways including the funding received. Although at this time it is not confirmed to be base funding it looks promising. Teams were instructed to advertised permanent fulltime positions.

c) **Consultant Responses Regarding ‘Strategic Roadmap for Almaguin Highlands**

The book Health for All by Jane Philpot was shared at the table. The model in the book is said to be similar to the one the group is looking to- breaking down barriers and access to primary care for all. Jane is willing to attend a future meeting. Chair will gather dates and share.

Some feedback was received from the group and the statement of work for the ‘Road Map’ was sent out early May. Three candidates were discussed. Council resolved to have the project go to tender. See ‘Resolutions Passed’.

The BFFHT has offered to provide \$7000.00 towards the project if it can be done with in this fiscal year.

d) **X-ray Upgrade, Renovation Costs and Fundraising**

*Due to comments made by the Mayor of the Village of Burk’s Falls, Chair R. Ward excused himself as Chair for this discussion. Vice Chair F. Williamson lead.

The 'Road Map' may help to determine where the x-ray machine would best be located however fundraising efforts for the machine need to commence regardless.

The group discussed requesting submissions on x-ray location by interested parties however it is the hospitals program and machine.

This is a unique situation as MAHC typically puts their assets into their buildings. In this situation it is their asset going into a municipally owned building.

It was requested this item is tabled until the Village of Burk's Falls has a plan for the building and how the other municipalities could be involved in the ownership. See 'Resolutions Passed'.

e) **Scheduling of Meetings Over the Summer**

AHH Council will recess for the summer and resume in September or at the call of the chair.

f) **Progress Report**

None for this meeting.

g) **Other Business**

MAHC sessions are occurring in Huntsville and Bracebridge. Chair R. Ward and Margaret Ann have attended. The sessions have gone well with good input received. All our encouraged to attend.

HHR S. Keast presented a verbal report on recent efforts and time spent with 6 students fostering relationships. The report will be distributed following this meeting.

2024-19 Moved by Vicky Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Tom Bryson
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:38 am to meet again on September 5, at 10:00 am at Perry Township Office.
Carried.