

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 345 Oak Street West, North Bay, Ontario.

PRESENT:

Nipissing District:

Central Appointee
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Eastern Appointee
Western Appointee

Dave Butti
Stuart Kidd
Scott Robertson
Tanya Vrebosch
Dean Backer
Dan Roveda

Parry Sound District:

North Eastern Appointee
South Eastern Appointee
Western Appointee

Blair Flowers
Marianne Stickland
Don Brisbane (*Vice-Chairperson*)
John D'Agostino
Gary Guenther
Mike Poeta

Public Appointees:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer
Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, Health Living
Program Manager, Health Living
Public Health Dietitian, Healthy Living
Master of Public Health Student

Dr. Chirico
Samara Lewis
Chris Bowes
Jessica Love
Dr. Carol Zimbalatti

REGRETS:

Central Appointee - Nipissing

Nancy Jacko (*Chairperson*)

RECORDER:

Management Administrative Assistant

Sheri Beaulieu

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Don Brisbane, Board of Health Vice-Chairperson called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the June 26, 2019, Board of Health meeting was reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/01 *Kidd/Vrebosch

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated June 26, 2019, be approved.

"Carried"

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

A conflict of interest was declared by John D'Agostino for any business related to Mindoka Corporation.

4.0 PRESENTATION: INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

Chris Bowes, Manager of the Healthy Living team and Samara Lewis, Healthy Living's Indigenous Engagement Coordinator joined the Board of Health meeting to provide a presentation on Indigenous engagement.

Following the introductions, Chris Bowes provided some background on the concept of the presentation and rationale for public health's involvement in Indigenous engagement before handing over the presentation to Samara Lewis.

Indigenous engagement is a requirement under the Ontario Public Health Standards (Standards), and calls on the public health for relationship building.

The presentation provided details on the importance of Indigenous engagement, an overview of the Indigenous people of our region, local data findings for both Indigenous adults and children, the current work that is happening at the Health Unit related to Indigenous engagement, and the overarching activities of the Diabetes Prevention Program.

According to local data findings, the median age of the Indigenous population in our districts is 32. There are higher rates of chronic disease, lower incomes, higher rates of mood disorders, alcohol use, and lifetime cannabis use.

Board of Health members were provided a pocket guide of the Truth and Reconciliation Report, 2015. The Report contained 94 calls to action, with 8 specifically related to health.

Questions and comments were received and addresses.

Chris and Samara were thanked for their presentation and excused themselves from the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Board of Health Minutes – April 24, 2019

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 24, 2019, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/02 *Robertson/D'Agostino

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 24, 2019, be approved as presented.

"Carried"

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: September 25, 2019

Time: To be determined

Location: Nipissing Room, 345 Oak Street West, North Bay

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no discussion under Business Arising.

8.0 REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The [Report of the Medical Officer of Health for June 26, 2019](#), was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Statistics on the Health Unit's needle exchange buy-back program was requested for the September Board of Health meeting.

There was a group discussion on the opioid crisis, engaging schools in the crisis, and the opioid alert system pilot project initiated by the Health Unit.

9.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee

Recommendations from a Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee meeting held prior to the Board of Health meeting were brought forward for approval.

The following motions were read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/03 *Robertson/Kidd

Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve revisions to and renewal of B-P-001 – Preventing Workplace Harassment, as presented; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve revisions to and renewal of B-P-004 – Occupational Health and Safety, as presented; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve revisions to and renewal of B-P-005 – Scent Free Workplace, as presented; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve revision to and approval of B-P-007 – Tobacco, Cannabis, and Electronic Cigarette Use Policy, as presented; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve revision to and approval of B-P-009 – Preventing Workplace Violence, as presented.

“Carried”

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/04 *Vrebosch/Stickland

Whereas, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has been unable to recruit and retain qualified genetic counsellors due to a shortage throughout Ontario and especially the north; and

Whereas, the accepted standard of care for a qualified genetic counsellor is to hold a Master level degree in genetic counselling; and

Whereas, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has been kept apprised of the local Genetic program challenges and has given direction to the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer to explore options to best serve the Genetic clients throughout the Health Unit district; and

Whereas, the Northern Regional Genetics Program (NRGP) is recommending the establishment of a regional Genetics service model for the north consisting of both in-person and virtual consultations; and

Whereas, the Health Unit has been working with the NRGP collaboratively to find solutions; and

Whereas, the Health Unit has developed a divestment and communications plan in order to ensure the continuity of client care;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) approve divesting the Health Unit’s Genetic program to the Northern Regional Genetics Program in Sudbury; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Health Unit will return any current year unspent funds to Health Sciences North when divestment is complete; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Health Unit proceed with its divestment and communications plan ensuring the continuity of client care until the divestment is complete.

"Carried"

9.2 Finance and Property Committee

Recommendations from a Finance and Property Committee meeting held prior to the Board of Health meeting were brought forward for approval.

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/05 *Butti/Stickland

Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Finance and Property Committee the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve revisions to and renewal of Board of Health policy B-F-002 – Asset Protection, as presented; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve revisions to and renewal of B-F-003 – Corporate Sponsorships and Donation, as presented.

"Carried"

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the June 26, 2019, meeting is available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Northeast Public Health Transformation Initiative

Board of Health Chairs for the northeast region have been involved in teleconference related to the northeast public health regional transformation. Boards of health in the northeast were asked to bring forward a motion in support of the initiative.

Board members were also provided with an overview of the ongoing work related to the initiative by the Steering Committee.

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2019/06/06 *Roveda/Guenther

Whereas, since November 2017, the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario, namely the Boards for Algoma Public Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine Health Unit,

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and Timiskaming Health Unit, have proactively and strategically engaged in the Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project to identify opportunities for collaboration and potential shared services; and

Whereas, the Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project work to date has been supported by two one-time funding grants from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry); and

Whereas, subsequent to the proposed transformation of public health announced in the April 11, 2019, provincial budget, the work of the Collaboration has been accelerated and reoriented as the Northeast Public Health Transformation Initiative with the vision of a healthy northeastern Ontario enabled by a coordinated, efficient, effective, and collaborative public health entity; and

Whereas, the Board understands there will be opportunities for consultation with the Ministry on the regional implementation of public health transformation;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is committed to the continued collaboration of the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario and looks forward to ongoing Ministry support for this work; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board, having engaged in this work since 2017, anticipates sharing with the Ministry its experiences so that other regions may benefit and further anticipates providing to the Ministry its expert advice on public health functions and structures for the Northeast; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that this motion be shared with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Boards of Health, and member municipalities.

“Carried”

11.2 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference – Update

Board of Health member, Tanya Vrebosch, attended the June 9-11 alPHA 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference in Kingston and provided a verbal summary of the conference.

Topics noted were Lyme disease and ticks, the tour provided of the street clinic team, the federal mandate of vaccine hesitancy, resiliency in youth, and the impact of alcohol, and various discussions related to public health modernization

12.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera session.

13.0 ADJOURMENT

Having no further business, the Board of Health Vice-Chair adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Original Signed by Nancy Jacko

2019.09.25

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Original Signed by Sheri Beaulieu

2019.09.25

Sheri Beaulieu, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)