



Minutes of the Board of Health Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Videoconference

458 Laurier Blvd., Brockville/25 Johnston St., Smiths Falls

Board Room/Room C

4:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Doug Malanka, Chair	Ray Young
Candace Kaine, Vice Chair	Regrets: Sherryl Smith, Doug Struthers, Anne Warren
Bill Dobson	
Peter McKenna	Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health
Toni Surko	Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant
Paul Armstrong, IT Supervisor - QCIS	Jane Lyster, Director - CHP
Jane Hess, Director - HLD	Michelle Foote, Public Health Resident - OMOH
Rebecca Kavanagh, Manager - HLD	Gary MacKenzie, Kim McCann, Gabriel Moussa, Courtney Shaffer

1. Call to Order

Doug Malanka called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He advised members that he has been in contact with Michael Jiggins from Steve Clark's office to find out about the reappointment of provincial representatives to the Board. He will pass on whatever he learns through email. We have highlighted our concerns regarding the risk of losing all of the expertise that these members bring to the Board.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement

Doug Malanka read the Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda items were reviewed. MOH Verbal Report was added under Item 8.5.

Motion: That the agenda of the February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved as revised.

Motion Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion: That the following items on the consent agenda be approved as circulated:

5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Health Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2020

5.2. General Correspondence

5.3. MOH/CEO Duty of Care Report

5.4. Governance and Quality Assurance Committee Duty of Care Report

5.5. Finance, Audit, Property and Risk Management Committee Report

5.5.1. One-Time Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health

Motion Carried.

6. Baby Friendly Initiative Certificate:

Jane Hess presented the Baby Friendly Initiative Certificate from the Breastfeeding Committee of Canada to board members advising that it will be displayed at both Brockville reception and Smiths Falls reception for six months. The certificate is in effect until December 2024 and represents all of the hard work done by staff. Doug Malanka congratulated everyone on achieving this certification.

7. Presentation:

7.1. Seniors Dental Program Presentation

Rebecca Kavanagh gave a PowerPoint presentation to the group. (Appended)

OSDCP is a new publically funded dental program for eligible seniors that can be accessed through public health units, community health centres and aboriginal health access centres.

In order to be eligible for the core program financial criteria needs to be met – it is all authorized by CRA. In order to be eligible participants must be 65 or older, a resident of Ontario and have a net annual income of \$19,300 (single) or \$32,300 (couple) and they cannot have access to any other insurance.

The health unit assists with client navigation, encourages participation with community partners and provides treatment. Rideau Community Health Services have the processes in place so they are taking the lead on doing the treatments and operating the actual clinics. We have been able to blend the OSDCP program with the CHC LHIN dental program so there is one door and one phone number for adults in need.

The program launched on November 20, 2019 and right now we are in Phase 1 with a wait list for June. In Phase 2 new sites will be built in Westport and two new operatories will be at the Brockville health unit site. Tenders have closed for the Phase 2 capital projects and completion is expected by June 2020. This is a great gateway for public health into primary care and a demonstrated partnership that has paid off. Doug Malanka thanked Rebecca Kavanagh for her presentation.

Action: A link for the Ontario Senior's Dental Program will be sent to all 22 municipalities to post on their website and an update on the program will be given to the Board in 6-12 months' time.

8. New Business:

8.1. Public Health Modernization Report

Paula Stewart reviewed the report distributed to members advising that at the last meeting it was approved in principle. Changes were made as requested by members and this is being brought for information. This report will be taken to the regional meeting when it is rescheduled. Collectively a lot of very useful work has been done.

Doug Malanka advised that he and Paula Stewart met and discussed the fact that this report is about operations and does not address governance. He recommended that it would be worthwhile discussing the governance aspect and is calling a meeting with the Wardens, CAO's and members of the Governance and Quality Assurance Committee to get their perspective. An initial discussion took place with the Warden of United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and he will attend prior to the upcoming Wardens Caucus meeting on March 12, 2020. It is a matter of starting the conversation to ensure we are all on the same path. Oversight could be provided through the municipalities and the Health Unit could be brought in under the supervision of the United Counties, like paramedics. There is considerable interest in how the governance piece could work.

Action: Once the governance discussion has taken place a summary report will be prepared and brought back to the Board of Health.

Action: The Health Unit's response to the ministry's discussion paper will be provided to invitees at the governance discussion meeting.

8.2. Results-Based Accountability (RBA)

Paula Stewart advised that we have been using RBA for several years at the Health Unit and Michelle Foote will be working on this during her management rotation. We need to identify the things that the Board wants us to report on so that members are comfortable that the work we are doing is on track. It is a disciplined way of thinking and taking action to improve the life in communities and the performance of programs. It has a very systematic approach.

8.3. Annual Service Plan Submission

A summary of the Annual Service Plan was prepared for board members review. Program highlights were provided by each department.

Gabriel Moussa presented on climate change advising that from 1948-2016 the temperature has increased by 1.7 degrees Celsius and we are starting to see the increase of food and waterborne illness, migration of tick species and mosquito species. Under the OPHS there is a healthy environment and climate change guideline and he is reviewing all internal programs and developing a framework of current mitigation adaptation strategies and looking at future strategies to address. He is doing an internal and external scan and meeting with Lanark County and United Counties to establish a partnership around climate change and is preparing a report to be completed by the end of March that will come back to the Board.

Courtney Shaffer presented on personal service settings (PSS) which are settings that provide non-medical procedures designed to enhance or alter a person's appearance – i.e. tattooing, hair salons. The Health Unit's goal is to reduce the burden of infectious disease. We want the public to safely get a pedicure without the risk of getting a nail fungus, or have their makeup done without the risk of getting a skin infection, or ensure tattooing and piercing operators have the knowledge, skills and infrastructure without the risk of contracting a blood borne disease. Public Health Inspectors do routine inspections, provide education to our operators and the public and do surveillance of infectious diseases. In mid-2018 a new regulation was released for PSS which gave the Health Unit enforcement powers. Packages are delivered to our PSS to give them information on expectations. We prioritized our complaint based inspections in 2019 and those that are highest risk to the public. We categorize based on risk – high risk, moderate risk, and low risk. In 2020 PSS are a priority and operators require education.

Jane Hess presented on parenting support advising that public health supports early childhood growth and development so that we have healthy children and then healthy adults. We also provide a lot of support through our general programs and HB/HC program. It is 100% funded from another ministry, but is important to note. All new mothers receive a phone call and if there are risks the child is followed through their early years by a public health nurse. Baby talk, breastfeeding clinics, Triple P – we do this for the whole population through the annual service plan. We work with our community partners that service children, youth and families and provide prenatal information and education. It takes a whole village to raise a child – that is what we are part of in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark.

Jane Hess presented on the foundational standards and highlighted how our epidemiologist collaborates with other health units on joint projects using the Canadian Community Health Survey and the Health Stratifier Project. This is one example of shared services. Regarding health equity we have a committee building relationships with indigenous communities and we are planning a Blanket Exercise on June 12 and will extend an invitation to board members. We have also been working with a committee in Perth on truth and reconciliation and are in a learning and reflection phase with our work with indigenous populations. Reflective public health practice looks at insight for oneself to support diverse communities. In public health practice we are initiating a quality improvement committee to support staff training on methods and tools and the lean methodology. Rainbow health training is taking place on June 5 and board members are welcome to attend.

8.4. Update from alpha Conference

Board members gave an update from the alpha conference. A highlight was Dr. Barbara Yaffe's update on COVID-19 as well as a speaker on cybersecurity. There was an update from AMO and Monika Turner, Jim Pine and Alison Blair were in attendance. Dr. Michael Perley also spoke about vaping. There have been 300 written submissions on public health modernization and 200 on emergency health services and the deadline has been extended to March 31, 2020.

Municipalities provide \$51 billion toward health services. Jim Pine advised that consultations so far have yielded themes and that health units can add an addendum to their submissions. There will be no reprieve on the 70/30 funding ratio.

8.5. MOH Verbal Report

P. Stewart gave her MOH Verbal Report. (Appended)

She advised that we are in the planning stages for COVID-19 and will build on influenza preparedness. We have experience with respiratory organisms like this. It will be respiratory etiquette that controls the virus within the community along with good nutrition, good sleep and healthy activity. We do not yet have an immunization. We are in IMS mode which is working well. We are receiving daily updates from the ministry.

9. Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, April 16, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. by videoconference

10. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Doug Malanka, Chair

Date

Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant

Date

c: Board members