

**Board of Health  
Minutes  
October 17, 2018  
9:15 am - 12:00 pm  
Barrie Office**

Board Members Present: S. Warnock, Chair, B. Ward Vice Chair, T. Ambeau, S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, L. Dollin, A. Dubeau, S. Kinsella, BJ. McCabe, T. Pilger, P. Preager, E. Saul, B. Saunderson, P. Willmott

Regrets: S. Morales

Staff Present: C. Gardner, S. Horney

Recorder: M. Klanert

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY S. Kinsella**

**SECONDED BY P. Preager**

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

4.1 9:20 - Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2018.

**MOVED BY S. Kinsella**

**SECONDED BY P. Preager**

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the September 19, 2018 Board of Health meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5. Consent Agenda**

5.1 9:25 - Audit Plan for the Year ending December 31, 2018. Briefing Note. S. Horney

**Motion 5.1**

**MOVED BY** S. Kinsella

**SECONDED BY** P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health receive the following consent agenda item for information:

5.1 Audit Planning Report Ending December 31, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**6. Advocacy**

6.1 9:30 - Child Care in Simcoe Muskoka. Briefing Note & Presentation. L. Simon & C Shoreman presenting.

C. Shoreman introduced the topic and N. Riewe presented to the Board. She indicated that public health advocacy will focus on improving accessibility, affordability and quality which will be used to inform health promotion activities that SMDHU can support in collaboration with the child care sector.

The Board of Health amended the motion to copy the cite letter to the following:

1. All Simcoe Muskoka Municipal Councils.
2. Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children and Youth Services.
3. All Boards of Health.
4. Simcoe Muskoka MPPs.

**Motion 6.1**

**MOVED BY** S. Kinsella

**SECONDED BY** S. Cairns

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note for information.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health write a letter to the provincial Minister of Education and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to urge further development of a comprehensive provincial child care strategy that prioritizes accessibility, affordability and quality, in order to improve population health outcomes, with copies to the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care,

Population and Public Health Division, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and the Ontario Public Health Association.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy be provided to all Simcoe Muskoka Municipal Councils, all Boards of Health, Simcoe Muskoka MPPs, and the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **7. New Business**

- 7.1 9:50 - Improving Immunization in Ontario Schools (ISPA) – Challenges and Recent Developments. Briefing Note. C. Nisbet & M.A. Holmes presenting.

C. Nisbet positioned the topic and M. A. Holmes presented to the Board. They indicated that an amendment to the ISPA amendment requires health units to provide immunization education sessions to parents choosing not to vaccinate their children.

In an effort to reduce the impact on nursing time SMDHU has begun group sessions for parents. This is showing a slight improvement however, it still requires logistical administration and frequently the sessions are challenging for parents from either a timing or travel perspective. Only one of the participants has indicated that they will now support vaccination for their children.

The potential for the Board to submit a resolution to the 2019 alpha AGM was raised by staff but not supported during the Board's discussion.

### **Motion 7.1**

**MOVED BY** A. Dubeau

**SECONDED BY** S. Cairns

THAT the Board receive the Improving Immunization in Ontario Schools - Challenges and Recent Developments briefing note for information.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Business Arising**

- 8.1 10:10 - 2019-2022 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Strategic Plan. Briefing Note. K. Ellis & P. Willmott presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presented the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan to the Board Members. There were a few questions regarding the indicators.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg noted that indicators of success for each objective have been defined and will be used to measure and report progress on the plan. These indicators and performance targets will be refined and redefined annually.

The Board commended the committee for its work to complete the four year Strategic Plan. It was noted that the entire agency contributed in addition to community partners.

**Motion 8.1**

**MOVED BY T. Pilger**

**SECONDED BY A. Dubeau**

THAT the Board of Health approve the 2019-2022 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Strategic Plan.

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 10:30 - Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017: the expanded role of SMDHU in enforcing tobacco, vaping and cannabis. Briefing Note. S. Rebellato presenting.

S. Rebellato positioned the briefing note. The health unit will review the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), 2017 bill amendments to determine what has changed. The amendment provides new and additional controls related to vaping and smoking of cannabis and tobacco.

The health unit has received some one-time funding to address related increased demands but the funding is time limited to March 2019. With the one-time funding dollars an additional tobacco enforcement officer was hired on contract.

There were a number of questions from Board Members that were answered by Dr. Gardner and staff. Board members indicated that they would like to see the health unit advocate to municipalities to increase restrictions on smoking in additional public places such as parks and beaches. Staff indicated that the health unit is in the process of preparing recommendations for municipalities with regards to the new act.

In response to a question from a Board members, staff indicated that the federal government has indicated that they will be providing within the next 12 months legislation regulating the sale of edible cannabis products.

At the November meeting the Board will be provided with an update on cannabis and the health unit's recommendations to our municipal councils.

**Motion 8.2**

**MOVED BY** B. Ward

**SECONDED BY** T. Pilger

THAT the Board receive the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017: the expanded role of SMDHU in enforcing tobacco, vaping and cannabis briefing note for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. Items of Education**

9.1 SAVE THE DATE – 2018 Staff Education Days, October 29 & 30, 2018 at Geneva Park, Orillia. (Each staff member only attends one of the two days.)

9.2 alPHa Meetings and Conferences

February 21 & 22, 2019 - Winter Symposium, Toronto, Ontario. Includes COMOH Meeting (Feb. 22) and BOH Section Meeting (Feb. 22)

March 27, 28 & 29 - TOPHC 2019, Beanfield Centre, Toronto Ontario.

June 9, 10, 11, 2019 - Annual General Meeting & Conference, Kingston, Ontario. Co-hosted with KFL&A Public Health, Four Points by Sheraton, 285 King St. E., Kingston, Ontario

**10. Items of Information**

10.1 A Public Health Approach to the Opioid Crisis

Letter from Scott Warnock, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

10.2 EBR proposal 18-HLTC024, Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 regulation 268/18

a. Letter from Dr. Robert, Kyke, alPHa President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies to Laura Pisko, Director, Health Protection

Policy and Programs Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

- b. Letter from Dr. Chris Mackie, Chair, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health to Laura Pisko, Director, Health Protection Policy and Programs Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

#### 10.3 Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017

- a. Letter from 2. Henry Clarke, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- b. Letter from Mark Lovshin, Chair, Board of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

#### 10.4 Drug Policy Reform

- a. Letter from Denis Doyle, Chair, Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

#### 10.5 Basic Income Pilot Project

- a. Letter from Barbara Kane, Deputy Clerk, New Tecumseth, Alliston, Beeton, Tottenham to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.
- b. Letter from Bernie Wiehle, Chair, Board of Health, Southwestern Public Health to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

#### 10.6 A Publicly Funded Oral Health Programs for Low Income Adults and Older Adults

- a. Letter from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Durham Region to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

#### 10.7 Repeal of section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada

- a. Letter from Bernie Wiehle, Chair, Southwestern Public Health to the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice for Canada.

#### 10.8 Prevention Matters: Why Ontario needs a Chronic Disease Prevention Strategy

- a. Letter from Denis Doyle, Chair, Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

10.9 SMDHU 2017-18 Annual Report

- a. Letter from Doug Ford Premier of Ontario to Scott Warnock, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Thank you for forwarding the Annual Report.

10.10 alpha Information Break, September 28, 2018

10.11 Commemorative Certificate to the Barrie Breastfeeding Action Team from the Honourable Alex Nuttall, Member of Parliament for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte.

10.12 Certificate celebrating National Breastfeeding Week from Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte.

10.13 Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Health Unit 2017 Annual report.

10.14 Grey Bruce Health Unit 2017 Annual Report.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meetings**

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

**MOVED BY** T. Ambeau

**SECONDED BY** B. Ward

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Scott Warnock

Chair, Board of Health

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health