

**Board of Health  
Minutes**

**April 17, 2019  
9:15 am - 12:00 pm  
Barrie Office**

Board Members Present: T. Ambeau, S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, L. Dollin, A. Dubeau, G. Harvey, P. Koetsier, B.J. McCabe , R. Milne, P. Preager  
Regrets: M. McCann, F. Pinto  
Staff Present: C. Gardner, K. Ellis

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Anita welcomed and introduced Loretta Ryan, Executive Director of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health meeting.

**Motion 2.0**

**MOVED BY** T. Ambeau

**SECONDED BY** G. Harvey

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

3.1 Public Health Support for Accessible, Affordable, Quality Licensed Child Care – L. Dollin declared a conflict of interest on this item.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

4.1 Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2019.

**Motion 4.1**

**MOVED BY** T. Ambeau

**SECONDED BY** G. Harvey

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

**5. New Business**

- 5.1 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Presentation and 2019 Provincial Budget Update. Loretta Ryan, ALPHA Executive Director and C. Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner provided an introduction to L. Ryan's presentation, and indicated that this will also be an opportunity to discuss the impacts of the 2019 Ontario Budget on local public health.

L. Ryan discussed the mandate of ALPHA related to advocacy, communications, education and representation. Board members learned about ALPHA's Board of Directors, organizational structure and key partners.

Board members inquired about the level of communication between ALPHA and Queen's Park. L. Ryan noted the success of acquiring meetings with MPPs when requested.

C. Gardner discussed the recent budget announcement and the imminent challenges faced by SMDHU. It was noted that all Board of Health Chairs will be participating in a teleconference on April 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by ALPHA.

Board members discussed the best approach to advocate to the provincial government indicating the impact of the cuts to public health services, and supported that a letter of advocacy be signed by C. Gardner and A. Dubeau to the Minister of Health expressing the concerns of the Board.

- 5.2 Audited Financial Statements. Briefing Note. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg introduced SMDHU staff and Kerri Graham from BDO.

Kerri Graham of BDO presented an overview of the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 and addressed the Board's questions.

**Motion 5.2**

**MOVED BY** T. Ambeau

**SECONDED BY** G. Harvey

THAT the Board of Health receive the Auditor's Report and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health authorize the Chair to sign the certificates of settlement prepared in accordance with the requirements of the funding agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry Of Children and Youth Services based upon the audited financial statements for December 31, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda**

6.1 Information Privacy and Access Annual Report 2018, Briefing Note. C. Gardner and K. Ellis-Scharfenberg.

**Motion 6.1**

**MOVED BY** R. Milne

**SECONDED BY** P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health receive the Information Privacy and Access 2018 Annual Report (Appendix A) for information

**CARRIED**

**7. In Camera**

7.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

7.2 HR Issue

**Motion 7.0**

**MOVED BY** G. Harvey

**SECONDED BY** R. Milne

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the March 20, 2019 in camera minutes and discuss one HR issue

**CARRIED**

**Motion 7.0.1**

**MOVED BY** G. Harvey

**SECONDED BY** R. Milne

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and report.

**CARRIED**

**8. Advocacy**

- 8.1 Public Health Support for Accessible, Affordable, Quality Licensed Child Care. Briefing Note. C. Shoreman, L. Simon and N. Riewe presenting.

L. Dollin declared a conflict on this item.

N. Riewe provided an update related to child care within Simcoe Muskoka noting that the 2018 Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) have identified child care as an important setting for public health intervention. As well, local shortages of affordable, accessible, high quality child care contributes to child poverty and is an obstacle for healthy child growth and development.

The current government actions include creating 30,000 new child care spaces province-wide and implementing the CARE tax credit which focuses benefits on low- and middle-income families. Receipts are required to claim this expenditure and this is not always a possibility with private child care centers. This credit will also only cover a portion of the cost as the standard is much lower than the actual costs.

The resolution is focused on Ontario statistics which indicate there is space for 23% of children in the province. Board members requested information on how to obtain additional child care workers. L. Simon discussed building capacity to support the child care sector which is noted in the alPHa resolution.

**Motion 8.1**

**MOVED BY** T. Ambeau

**SECONDED BY** P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health endorse and submit to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) for the 2019 Annual General Meeting the appended resolution (Appendix A) and background document (Appendix B) in support of Public Health Support for Accessible, Affordable, Quality Licensed Child Care.

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 Consultations on Alcohol Choice and Convenience in Ontario. Briefing Note. C. Shoreman, L. Simon and R. Dupuis presenting.

R. Dupuis provided an overview of the plan that the Government of Ontario is considering to expand the sale of alcohol to corner, grocery and big box stores with goals to embrace consumer choice and convenience and increase private sector business opportunities. SMDHU is now able to provide feedback at this time in the consultation process.

L. Ryan noted that the on-going consultations with stakeholders have identified the many potential challenges if the proposed changes occur.

**Motion 8.2**

**MOVED BY** R. Cipolla

**SECONDED BY** R. Milne

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health write a letter urging the provincial Minister of Health to develop a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy to mitigate harms and monitor the health impacts of increasing access and availability of alcohol in Ontario, with a copy to the Minister of Finance, the Special Advisor for the Beverage Alcohol Review, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, all Boards of Health in Ontario, and to the MPPs and the municipal councils of Simcoe Muskoka.

**CARRIED**

**9. Business Arising**

9.1 Mental Health Promotion Strategy Development. Briefing Note. C. Shoreman, C. Thomson and N. Wachowiak presenting.

Item deferred.

**10. Items of Education**

10.1 June 9, 10 & 11, 2019 – Minding Public Health - Annual General Meeting & Conference, Kingston, Ontario. Co-hosted with KFL&A Public Health.

10.2 New Board of Health Orientation Days. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, 15 Sperling Drive, Mariposa Room (lunch provided).

Next Session: Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm – 1:00pm Human Resources and Infrastructure - Bruce Parker, Director

- 10.3 Save The Date – 2019 Staff Education Days: October 28 & 29, 2019 at Geneva Park, Orillia. (Each staff member only attends one of the two days).

## **11. Items of Information**

- 11.1 Email from Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Board of Health Members re Health Unit response to Watermain Break in Southeastern Barrie.

In response to a question raised by a Board member, Dr. Gardner provided some detail on the response provided by SMDHU staff and the City of Barrie, and indicated that a joint meeting to review the situation will be held in the near future.

- 11.2 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re Support for ALPHA Report Improving and Maintaining the Health of the People: The Contribution of Public Health to Reducing Hallway Medicine.
- 11.3 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re Status of CTS Application for Barrie, Ontario.
- 11.4 Letter from Laura Pisko, Director, Health Improvement Policy and Programs Branch to Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health re Response letter to Status of CTS Application for Barrie, Ontario.
- 11.5 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to Brent Feeney, Manager, Funding and Oversight Accountability and Liaison Branch re Call for Support and Resources for the Public Health System in Ontario.
- 11.6 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to the Honourable Ginette Petipas Taylor, Minister Health of Canada re Universal Pharmacare Program.
- 11.7 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Board Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re Board Reappointments.
- 11.8 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair, Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of

Ontario re Support for Provincial Oral Health Programs for Low-income Adults and Seniors.

- 11.9 Letter from Kathy Vassilakos, Chair, Board of Health for the Perth District Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re Support for Provincial Oral Health Programs for Low-Income Adults and Seniors.
- 11.10 Letter from Barbara Kane, Deputy Clerk for the Town of New Tecumseth to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re Oral Health Program for Seniors.
- 11.11 Letter from Larry Martin, Chair, Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol.
- 11.12 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair Board of Health and Theresa Marentette, Chief Executive Officer for the Windsor Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re Increase actions in response to the current opioid crisis.
- 11.13 Letter from Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services re Funding for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program.
- 11.14 Letter from Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re Bill 60, Social Assistance Research Commission.
- 11.15 Letter from Kathy Vassilakos, Chair, Board of Health for the Perth District Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re Strengthening SFOA, 2017.
- 11.16 Letter from Megan Williams, City of Orillia, Deputy Clerk to Anita Dubeau, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Board of Health 2019 Funding Notice letter of acknowledgement.
- 11.17 Notice from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) re Successful 2018 Municipal Election.
- 11.18 Notice from ALPHA re 2019 Fitness Challenge for Board of Health Members
- 11.19 ALPHA Winter Symposium Proceedings from Thursday, February 21st Conference.

11.20 North Bay Parry Sound District 2018 Annual Report.

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

- May 15, 2019, Barrie Office
- June 19, 2019, Barrie Office
- September 18, 2019, Midland Office

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

**Motion 13.0**

**MOVED BY** R. Milne

**SECONDED BY** R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:08 pm.

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Anita Dubeau

Chair, Board of Health

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health