

Board of Health

Minutes

September 18, 2024

9:16 am – 11:53 am

Teleconference

Board Members Present: S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, P. Koetsier, S. Warnock, S. Kinsella, A. Kungl, N. Nigussie, B. Gordon, J. Leduc, B. Norris, T. Walker, A. Dubeau, S. Read, J. Smith, H. Eves

Regrets: L. Oehm

Staff Present: C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:16am.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

A. Dubeau read the land acknowledgement in full.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There is no conflict of interest declared at this time.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion 4.0

MOVED BY H. Eves

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

THAT the Board of Health approve the following consent agenda items:

4.1 Minutes from June 19, 2024.

4.2 2023-2024 Summary Report of Partnership Initiatives between the Simcoe Muskoka District Health

Unit and School Boards for the Board of Health.

THAT the Board of Health receive this report as information.

4.3 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program 2024-2025 Budget Update.

THAT the Board of Health receive the briefing note for information; and

THAT the Board of Health send a letter to the Minister of Community, Children and Social Services acknowledging the present increase in funding while citing the need for increases in the future to adequately resource the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program.

4.4 Information Privacy and Access Annual Report for 2023.

THAT the Board of Health receive the briefing note and Information Privacy and Access Report for 2023 (Appendix A) for information.

4.5 SMDHU2023 Annual Report.

THAT the Board of Health receive the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 2023 Annual Report as information.

CARRIED

4.1 Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2024

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the June 19, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

- 4.2 2023-2024 Summary Report of Partnership Initiatives
between the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and School Boards for
the Board of Health. C. Shoreman and S. Ross.
- 4.3 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program 2024-2025 Budget Update
Briefing Note. C. Shoreman and K. Hazlett.
- 4.4 Information Privacy and Access Annual Report for 2023
Briefing Note. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg.
- 4.5 SMDHU 2023 Annual Report
Briefing Note. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and S. Gill.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Year-to-Date Financial Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2024
Briefing Note. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and J. Van Donkelaar presenting.
K. Ellis-Scharfenberg reviewed the contents of 5.1 Year-to-Date Financial
Report as follows:
- The Ministry of Health has authorized a 1% increase in base funding for 2024.
 - Salary and benefits (including OMERS) are the largest draw on the cost-shared budget and currently overspent due to the costs incurred in the first quarter for COVID-19 case and contact salaries that the Ministry of Health is not expected to reimburse.
 - Non-salary and staff development is currently under budget, with the expectation that funds will be utilized by year end.
 - Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program is currently being monitored for a deficit resulting in a hold on service for new denture clients.

Motion 5.1

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY J. Leduc

THAT the Board of Health receive the second quarter financial reports for:

- Public Health Programs and Services
- COVID-19 Immunization One-time Funding January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024
- Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program (OSDCP) and Healthy Babies Healthy Children 100% Funded Programs
- 100% Funded One-Time Projects

CARRIED

5.2 Financial Commitments, Pressures and Risks Budget 2025

Briefing Note. C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and J. Van Donkelaar presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg reviewed the contents of 5.2 Financial Commitments, Pressures and Risks Budget 2025 as follows:

- SMDHU will receive a 1% increase in the 2025 provincial grant; although that is predictable funding it does not equate to salary and operating cost increases.
- The Ministry of Health changed "one-time mitigation funding" by inserting it into the base component of the Ministry grant in 2024.
- Salary costs will continue to increase in 2025 noting the Board approved a 2% salary increase for ONA and non-union staff in 2025.
- Existing benefit costs (includes OMERS) continue to increase. Benefits were enhanced as part of the negotiated collective agreement in 2023 and apply to all employees and management. OMERS benefits are now available to employees that are casual, temporary and part-time impacting expenses to the agency.
- Ministry of Health is expected to continue to offset the costs for COVID-19 immunization programs. They are not expected to

reimburse for any expenses specific to COVID-19 outbreak and case management despite this work is a requirement as per memos from Chief Medical Officer and Health and draft Ontario Public Health Standards.

- Senior management has considered the new OPHS draft in the development of the 2025 budget.

Motion 5.2

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY N. Nigussie

THAT the Board of Health receive the Financial Commitments, Pressures and Risks briefing note as information and reference in the deliberation of budget proposals for 2025.

CARRIED

6. In Camera

Motion 6.0

MOVED BY S. Read

SECONDED BY B. Norris

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the June 19, 2024 in camera minutes and discuss two HR items, one finance item and one legal item.

CARRIED

Motion 6.0.1

MOVED BY H. Eves

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

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

CARRIED

Motion 6.0.2

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

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

FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health support the implementation of the organizational structure in Appendix A to commence on January 1, 2025, and human resource changes reflective of those in Appendix B based on a municipal levy increase of 5% and on the communications and implementation timeline in Appendix C.

CARRIED

Motion 6.0.3

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

THAT the Board of Health authorize staff to develop a draft 2025 cost-shared budget based on a 5.0% levy increase in the total of the annual levy allocated to the obligated municipalities in 2024.

CARRIED

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.2 HR Item

6.3 Finance Item

6.4 Legal Item

6.5 HR Item

7. Items of Education

7.1 aPHa Fall Symposium 2024

aIPH fall sessions:

November 6 - 8, 2024; Fall Symposium, Section Meetings and Workshops (virtual).

M. Nickason will provide registration details to the Board when available.

8. Items of Information

8.1 Correspondence to and from SMDHU

a. Order in Council

re: Stephen Kinsella's provincial re-appointment to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

b. Order in Council

re: Larry Oehm's provincial re-appointment to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

c. Order in Council

re: Scott Warnock's provincial re-appointment to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

8.2 Consumption and Treatment Services

The Board discussed the Ministry of Health 'Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs' (HART Hubs) 2024-25 Call for Proposals. Although SMDHU is not part of the application process, the agency is considering the potential for Sexual Health and Harm Reduction services at a potential local site. Board members support bringing this forward as a future agenda topic.

a. News Release from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County

re: Update on the status of the Consumption & Treatment Services application at 11 Innisfil St. in the City of Barrie

b. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, aPHa Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: Ontario Protecting Communities and Supporting Addiction Recovery with New Treatment Hubs

- c. News Release from Ministry of Health

re: Ontario Protecting Communities and Supporting Addiction Recovery with New Treatment Hubs

8.3 Ontario Public Health Standards Review 2024

- a. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, alPHa Chair, to Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health

re: Ontario Public Health Standards Review 2024

- b. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, alPHa Chair, to Colleen Kiel, Director of Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health

e: Further Feedback on the 2024 OPHS Review

8.4 Private Drinking Water Testing

- a. Letter from Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: Private Drinking Water Testing in Halton Region

- b. Motion from The Regional Municipality of Halton, Approved by Regional Council at its meeting held Wednesday, July 10, 2024

re: Private Drinking Water Testing

8.5 alPHa Resolutions

- a. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, alPHa Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: alPHa Resolution A24-01 - Permitting Applications for Automatic Prohibition Orders under the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 for Vapour Product Sales Offences

- b. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, alPHa Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: alPHa Resolution A24-02 - Artificial Intelligence for Enhanced Public Health Outcomes

- c. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, alPHa Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: aPHa Resolution A24-03 - A Proposal for a Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy: Enhancing Public Health through Prevention, Education, Regulation and Treatment

- d. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, aPHa Chair, to Honourable Pascale St. Onge, Minister of Canadian Heritage, House of Commons

re: aPHa Resolution A24-03 - A Proposal for a Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy: Enhancing Public Health through Prevention, Education, Regulation and Treatment

- e. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, aPHa Chair, to Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

re: aPHa Resolution A24-04 - Reviewing Provincial Regulatory Needs for Supportive Living Facilities Serving Vulnerable Individuals

- f. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, aPHa Chair, to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

re: aPHa Resolution A24-05 Early Childhood Food Insecurity: An Emerging Public Health Problem Requiring Urgent Action

8.6 aPHa InfoBreak

- a. Summer 2024 aPHa InfoBreak
- b. September 2024 aPHa InfoBreak

9. Announcements

10. Date of Next Meetings

- October 16, 2024
- November 20, 2024

11. Adjournment

Motion 11.0

MOVED BY S. Warnock

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health