

Board of Health

Minutes

October 16, 2024

9:16 am – 11:55 am

Teleconference

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

Staff Present: C. Gardner, L. Simon, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg, E. Pillsworth,
Christina Hao

1. Call To Order

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

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

S. Warnock read the land acknowledgment in full.

1.2 Welcome Dr. Christina Hao, Public Health Preventative Medicine Resident

1.3 Welcome back Dr. Emma Pillsworth, Public Health Preventative Medicine Resident

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

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

A. Dubeau requested an update on item 4.5 Canada Dental Care Program.

Motion 4.0

MOVED BY H. Eves

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

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

4.1 Minutes from the September 18, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

4.2 Alcohol Cannabis and Drug Use Policy - Updated August 30, 2024.

THAT the Board of Health receive the Alcohol Cannabis and Drug Use Policy briefing note as information.

4.3 Health and Safety Annual Reporting.

THAT the Board of Health receive the Health and Safety Report for 2023 as information.

4.4 Perinatal Mental Health in Simcoe Muskoka.

THAT the Board of Health receive the Perinatal Mental Health in Simcoe Muskoka briefing note as information.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Motion 4.0.1

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY P. Koetsier

4.5 Canada Dental Care Plan.

THAT the Board of Health receive the Canada Dental Care Plan briefing note as information.

CARRIED

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2024.
- 4.2 Alcohol Cannabis and Drug Use Policy - Updated August 30, 2024
Briefing Note. C. Gardner.
- 4.3 Health and Safety Annual Reporting.
Briefing Note. E. Ellis-Scharfenberg and M. Runge.
- 4.4 Perinatal Mental Health in Simcoe Muskoka.
Briefing Note. L. Simon, C. Shoreman and B. Mann.
- 4.5 Canada Dental Care Plan.
Briefing Note. L. Simon, N. Riewe and C. Kowalewski.

At the request of a Board member, this item was pulled for discussion.

C. Kowalewski, Oral Health Program Manager provided an update on item 5.4 Canada Dental Care Program (CDCP) as follows:

- SMDHU is not providing services through CDCP which is why local data is not available on the federally funded program.
- Oral Health staff assist clients to navigate the CDCP and help to find providers/dentists and others accepting individuals using the program.
- SMDHU continues to provide services through the provincial programs offered as outlined in the background of the briefing note. Demand for provincially funded services has not changed since the release of CDCP. Appointments at SMDHU dental clinics are fully booked into the new year.

M. Nickason to connect with L. Oehm who offered assistance with outreach opportunities.

5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY J. Leduc

SECONDED BY N. Nigussie

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the September 18, 2024 in camera minutes and discuss three HR items, one Governance item and one Legal item.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY J. Smith

SECONDED BY T. Walker

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera.

CARRIED

5.1 Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2024

5.2 HR Item

5.3 Governance Item

5.4 HR Item

5.5 HR Item

6. New Business

6.1 Risk Management 2024 - Standards Activity Report; Ministry of Health.

Briefing Note. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg reviewed the contents of 6.1 Risk Management 2024 - Standards Activity Report; Ministry of Health as follows:

- Ministry of Health requires annual reporting on the high risks that are being managed by the Board of Health.
- High risks for SMDHU in 2024 have been identified as:
 - Increases in non-salary operational expenses (vehicle and cyber insurance)
 - Review of Ontario Public Health Standards (not expected to be finalized until Q1 or Q2 in 2025 with a risk that the final could be different than the draft)
 - COVID-19 and RSV Outbreaks (Ministry has not funded to manage outbreaks in congregate settings despite the expectation of public health to manage these outbreaks)

The Board discussed the ongoing status of COVID-19 outbreaks which are year-round and a significant draw on SMDHU resources.

The Board discussed lack of access to free COVID-19 testing and the loss of wastewater monitoring. Dr. C. Gardner highlighted the Surveillance Tool on the SMDHU website.

The Board discussed promoting COVID-19 vaccination. The Ministry of Health is not planning a public campaign. SMDHU has a communications plan, and medical staff have presented to Royal Victoria Hospital Medical Advisory Council and the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team regarding Influenza, RSV and COVID-19.

Dr. Gardner provided immunization information for COVID-19, RSV and Influenza and will provide an email on vaccination opportunities to the Board.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

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

CARRIED

6.2 Proposal for Smudging Room in 15 Sperling Office.

Briefing Note. C. Gardner, L. Simon and K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

Dr. L. Simon reviewed the contents of 6.2 Proposal for Smudging Room in 15 Sperling Office as follows:

- SMDHU is embarking on a long term journey to enhance Indigenous engagement and partnerships that closely align with agency strategic priorities and goals.
- A.M. Kungl and Dr. C. Gardner are meeting with Chief and Council at Beausoleil First Nation and Wahta First Nation in October, and plan to meet with Rama First Nation and Moose Deer Point First Nation in the near future.
- SMDHU would like to offer a welcoming and culturally sensitive meeting space when meeting with Indigenous partners such as the

Indigenous Health Circle that has requested the opportunity to smudge.

- Adequate ventilation - an independent HVAC system for the room - has been identified by the landlord. A quote for renovation has been provided for approximately \$61,000 plus taxes. There are no clear HVAC guidelines for smudging.
- The Orillia Common Roof (Orillia SMDHU office building) has a shared room for tenants to use for smudging, but it is small and not able to accommodate a large smudge.
- As one-time funding is not available this year, the Board was presented with the following funding options to consider:
 - Capital Reserve Fund - created over 12 years ago and continues to generate revenue in interest. Advantage to capital reserve is that it does not impact fiscal year.
 - Cost-Shared Surplus - based on a budget using a reserve draw of contingency funds (may still need funds from the capital reserve).

The Board discussed alternative options for smudging as well as the financial impact of the renovation as proposed.

It is the Board's preference to reconsider this request after other funding sources are investigated, receiving the Financial Q3 Statement and receiving feedback from the meetings with First Nations partners. The item will be brought back at a future date.

Motion 6.2

MOVED BY S. Warnock

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health defer approval of the utilization of Capital Reserve to fund the HVAC renovation of the Wendat room to enable its use for smudging at the 15 Sperling Drive office, up to a maximum of \$65,000.

CARRIED

7. Items of Education

7.1 Indigenous Cultural Safety Training - Part 2 (Virtual)

November 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For Board members who did not attend the June 2024 session.

Registration deadline Friday October 18, 2024.

Contact Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org to confirm your attendance.

7.2 aPHa 2024 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings and Workshops (Virtual)

November 6 - 8, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration deadline Wednesday October 30, 2024

Contact Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org to register

7.3 aPHa 2025 Winter Symposium (Virtual)

Save the date: February 12 - 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

7.4 aPHa 2025 AGM and Conference (In person)

Save the date: June 18 - 20, 2025

8. Items of Information

8.1 aPHa InfoBreak

- a. October 2024 InfoBreak

9. Announcements

- B. Gordon requested information on the roles that SMDHU may play with the exploration for suboxone treatment to be provided on Beausoleil First Nation. Dr. C. Gardner will provide a response to the Board of Health by email.
- S. Read raised concern there are no low-cost rabies clinics being offered in Muskoka. Dr. Gardner will investigate and provide a response to the Board of Health by email.
- R. Cipolla is the Chair of the newly established Couchiching OPP Detachment Board.

10. Date of Next Meetings

- November 20, 2024
- January 15, 2025

11. Adjournment

Motion 11.0

MOVED BY B. Gordon

SECONDED BY P. Koetsier

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health