

**Board of Health
Minutes**

**March 20, 2019
9:15 am - 12:00 pm
Barrie Office**

Board Members Present: T. Ambeau, S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, L. Dollin, A. Dubeau, P. Koetsier,
BJ. McCabe, M. McCann, R. Milne, F. Pinto, P. Preager

Regrets: G. Harvey

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

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY M. McCann

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2019.

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY M. McCann

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

CARRIED

5. In Camera

5.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

5.2 HR Issue

5.3 HR Issue

5.4 HR Issue

5.5 HR Issue

5.6 HR Issue

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY M. McCann

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the February 20, 2019 in camera minutes and discuss five HR issues.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY P. Preager

SECONDED BY F. Pinto

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and not report.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

6.1 Board Development. Briefing Note. C. Gardner and K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

C. Gardner provided an update on governance activities as Board members considered the potential to create one or more committees. The Board members decided not to proceed with committees at this time, in part because of the declining number of Board members to maintain such committees.

It was noted that despite multiple inquiries to the Province no response has been received in regards to the potential to reappoint Provincial appointees'. Board members inquired if further advocacy could be done at this time.

The Board supported that a letter from the Board Chair be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Public Appointments Secretariat in follow-up to the previous letters advocating for Provincial appointees.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health consider the outcomes and recommendations from its retreat in 2018 (in Appendix A) and the experience that it gained from its Governance Working Group;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health advise on the potential to create one or more standing committees.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Strategic Plan. Briefing Note. C. Gardner and K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

a. Strategic Plan Implementation Outcomes for 2018

C. Gardner presented the 2018 Strategic Plan outcomes including the Accountability Agreement with the province, the 2017 Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability, the findings of the Board's 2014 Self-Assessment, as well as outstanding items brought forward from the agency 2017 priorities.

Motion 7.1.1

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health receive the Strategic Plan Implementation Outcomes for 2018 as information.

CARRIED

b. 2019 Strategic Plan Implementation.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg spoke to the annual targets which are established for the new Strategic Plan to demonstrate progress on the Strategic Priorities of Relationships, Public Health Standards and Accountability and Governance.

A Situational Assessment of Indigenous Peoples in Simcoe Muskoka will be developed in 2019 to assist SMDHU in

establishing appropriate strategies and methods for relationship building with Indigenous communities. C. Gardner provided an update on the current engagement that is occurring.

The Board recommended advocating to the provincial and federal government regarding Public Health issues affected by the recent budget. C. Gardner indicated that such a letter will be included with the submission of the Board's 2019 budget to the province.

The Board recommended that a commendation letter regarding the recent inclusion of a universal pharmacare program in the 2019 federal budget be sent to the Minister of Health of Canada. C. Gardner indicated that he would draft such a letter from the Board chair to the federal Minister of Health.

Motion 7.1.2

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY F. Pinto

THAT the Board of Health receive and approve the 2019 Targets set for implementation of the 2019 – 2022 SMDHU Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

7.2 Supporting the Sexual Health of Gay, Bisexual and Men Who Have Sex with Men (GB-MSM). Briefing Note. C. Nisbet and Y. Phan presenting.

Y. Phan spoke to the Sexual Health program which provides services to enhance the social and physical well-being of all individuals including those who self-identify as gay, bisexual or MSM (GB-MSM).

SMDHU is committed to being a Positive Space which demonstrates support for the GB-MSM community. Positive Spaces are welcoming environments where Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Trans and Queer (LGBTQ) individuals are able to access culturally inclusive services with dignity and respect, and where staff can work free from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

In December 2018, the SMDHU MOH's were the first in Ontario to sign a declaration of endorsement for U=U (Undetectable=Untransmittable). U=U is a campaign launched in the United States by Prevention Access which supports the scientific evidence that individuals with HIV who receive antiretroviral therapy (ART) and have achieved and maintained an undetectable viral load cannot sexually transmit the virus to others.

Motion 7.2

MOVED BY R. Milne

SECONDED BY P. Preager

THAT the Board of Health receives this report for information.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Climate Change as a Priority Public Health Issue. Briefing Note. S. Rebellato and B. Armstrong presenting.

S. Rebellato provided an update in regards to the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan which is in follow up to the creation of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment in 2017.

B. Armstrong presented the strategic plan to action which has a three phased approach including an analysis of the current environment, health promotion and stakeholder engagement, and integration into agency programs.

The vulnerability assessment reviewed six sensitive health vulnerabilities which have the potential to impact health, including extreme temperature, extreme weather, air quality, food and water safety and security, vector-borne disease transmission and UV radiation.

The Board discussed the current state of climate change both globally and locally and initiatives that are occurring, and indicated their support for this as priority work for the health unit. C. Gardner indicated that our approach to this work will be impact on by the financial support from the province.

B. Armstrong noted that the Climate Change Action Plan is changing from a previous priority public health issue with next steps including the creation of a Charter and the implementation of a communication plan.

Motion 7.3

MOVED BY F. Pinto

SECONDED BY R. Milne

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

CARRIED

8. Items of Education

- 8.1 Conferences

- a. 1. March 27, 28 & 29, 2019 – The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC), Toronto, Ontario. Dr. Gardner participating on panel re: Chief Medical Officer of Health Annual Reports: Expert Panel on Data, Health Equity and Community.
 - b. 2. June 9, 10 & 11, 2019 – Minding Public Health - Annual General Meeting & Conference, Kingston, Ontario. Co-hosted with KFL&A Public Health.
- 8.2 New Board of Health Orientation Days. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, 15 Sperling Drive, Mariposa Room (lunch provided).
- Next Session: Wednesday, March 20th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Agency Overview – Dr. Charles Gardner, MOH
- 8.3 Loretta Ryan, aPHa Executive Director, April 17th Visiting Board of Health (including luncheon 12:00pm - 1:00pm)
- 8.4 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).

9. Items of Information

- 9.1 2017 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
- 9.2 Letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to Scott Warnock, Past-Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health re: Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund Infrastructure Projects.
- 9.3 Email from Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Board members Ralph Cipolla and Mike McCann re: Smoke-Free Sidewalks Advocacy.
- 9.4 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Elizabeth Saul, past Board member re: Service as a Member of the Board of Health.
- 9.5 Letter from Anita Dubeau, Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re: Public and Environmental Health Implications of Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018.
- 9.6 Memorandum from Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Medical Officers of Health,

Chief Executive Officers and Board Chairs re: Health Care System Transformation Announcement.

- 9.7 Update from Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) to Board of Health members.
- 9.8 Amended update from Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) to Board of Health members re: Call for Board of Health Nominations 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 aLPHa Board of Directors.
- 9.9 Notice from Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) re: Resolution 2019-02-21 HIV Case Management.
- 9.10 Email from Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) re: Alcohol Sales in Ontario.
- 9.11 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ministry of the Attorney General re: Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and Cannabis Legislation.
- 9.12 Letter from Janice Visneskie Moore, Chair, Renfrew County and District Health Unit to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re: Strengthening the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 to address the promotion of vaping.
- 9.13 Letter from Councilor Kathryn Wilson, Chair, Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re: Support for Provincial Oral Health Programs for Low Income Adults and Seniors.
- 9.14 Letter from Janice Visneskie Moore, Chair, Renfrew County and District Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re: Support for Provincial Oral Health Programs for Low Income Adults and Seniors.
- 9.15 Letter from James Chirico, Medical Officer of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re: Bill 60, Ministry of Community and Social Services Act.
- 9.16 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re: Ontario's Basic Income Pilot.
- 9.17 Letter from Joe Virdiramo, Chair, Thunder Bay District Health Unit to the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services re: Funding for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program.

- 9.18 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Deputy Premier re: Mandatory Food Literacy Curricula in Ontario Schools.
- 9.19 Letter from Gary McNamara, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Ginette Petipas Taylor, Minister of Health, House of Commons re: Petition for an adequately funded national cost-shared universal healthy school food program.
- 9.20 Letter from Paul Kelly, Mayor, Town of Gravenhurst to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re: Ensuring Ontarians have enough money to feed themselves and their families.
- 9.21 Letter from Dr. Robert Kyle, President, alPHa to Ontario Senators re: Bill S-228, Child Health Protection Act.

10. Date of Next Meetings

- April 17, 2019, Barrie Office
- May 15, 2019, Barrie Office
- June 19, 2019, Barrie Office

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.

MOVED BY T. Ambeau

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Anita Dubeau

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health