



Committee Minutes

Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force

March 2, 2020 – 1:00 PM

The Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Warden Paul McQueen; Councillors Barb Clumpus, Tom Hutchinson, Brian Milne and Selwyn Hicks

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Weppler, Director of Corporate Services, Heather Morrison, Clerk and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Paul McQueen called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Stakeholder Delegations

Dana Howes and Gerry Glover, Co-chairs of the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee

Kim Wingrove introduced Dana Howes and Gerry Glover of the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee. The Ontario Health Teams bring together health providers like hospitals, long-term care homes, and primary care in geography into a connected organization.

Ms. Howes and Mr. Glover spoke to the efforts of the Planning Committee.

Ms. Howes noted that the government is not providing any additional funding to assist in the transition to Ontario Health Teams and is asking the Health Team organizations to be open and innovative.

The Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team has submitted a readiness assessment to the Province for the establishment of an Ontario Health Team. It is hoped that the Province will review the application for the Grey Bruce Health Team soon. Ms. Howe noted that there were more applications received by the Province than expected.

Mr. Glover noted that the goal is to provide every patient with the same access to care and services, regardless of whether their physician is a member of an Ontario Health Team or not. The initial focus of the Grey Bruce OHT is supporting care transitions for frail seniors and supporting patients living with mental health and addictions.

Discussion occurred on the future governance structure and where accountability lies. Initially, service delivery will be accomplished via Memorandums of Understanding between organizations, and a governance structure will unfold in the future. It could take ten years before a mature model develops. There are many things that need to be considered when individual boards are assimilated, and new ones are created. The government can put tools in place to mitigate some of the issues.

Ms. Howes noted that participating organizations are being asked to contribute to the hiring of a program manager to assist in the transition process. The suggested support is .1% of budget, but organizations can provide in kind contributions as well.

Staff noted that historically, a half of one percent of the County's budget is put aside for capital health care costs and it hasn't funded operating costs in the past.

Ms. Howes and Mr. Glover spoke to possible capital projects that could potentially benefit from financial assistance.

Discussion occurred on the possibility that some startup funding could be provided by the County. The concept of startup funding is similar to a capital funding in that the funds would be requested only once.

Ms. Howes noted that a reasonable request to the County could be simply earmarking funds for a future ask. As of now, there are too many unknowns to do anything formal.

Hanover Hospital Capital Plans and Fundraising Efforts

Dana Howes noted that she will forward this information to Ms. Wingrove as soon as possible.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

April 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the Bay Room

On motion by Councillors Milne and Hutchinson, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Paul McQueen, Chair