

Social Services Committee

January 15, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Social Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors Terry McKay, Paul McQueen, Kathi Maskell, Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Ellen Anderson and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated December 11, 2013

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on January 9, 2014.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-02-14 Quality Management – Annual Program Review

Lynne Johnson addressed the Committee on the above report, providing an overview of the various mandatory long-term care programs in place in the homes. Each of the programs are reviewed annually by internal teams and goals are set for the upcoming year. The Committee discussed the purposes of the various programs and provincial Quality Improvement Program requirements.

SSC12-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Report LTCR-SS-02-14 regarding Quality Management-Annual Program Review be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-SS-03-14 – Resident Quality and Safety – Publicly Reported

Indicators

Lynne Johnson presented the above noted report regarding the long-term care homes' results as identified on the Health Quality Ontario website. Mrs. Johnson provided the Committee with details of the four home specific public report indicators, including bladder control, falls, physical restraints and pressure ulcers and the results of the three homes.

Mrs. Johnson noted the difficulty in developing improvement plans for some of the indicators due to the changing acuity and care levels of residents.

Discussion occurred surrounding the staffing levels and the impact on quality outcomes. Staff were requested to provide further information on opportunities to lobby the province to effect change.

SSC13-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT Report LTCR-SS-03-14 regarding Publicly Reported Indicators be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-02-14 Quarterly Purchasing Report Quarter 4 for 2013

Rod Wyatt provided the above report as required by the purchasing policy, noting that the work on the bathroom renovations in Durham is starting next week.

SSC14-14 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT Report HDR-SS-02-14 regarding a quarterly purchasing report for quarter four of 2013 be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-01-14 Request to Host 2015 Eligibility Review Officer Conference

Barb Fedy presented the above report, noting that staff would like the opportunity to bring the conference to Grey County in 2015 and are requesting the Committee to express interest in hosting the conference.

SSC15-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT Report SSR-SS-01-14 be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey hosts the Eligibility Review Officer two day Conference and Banquet in 2015 in Grey County;

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Grey accept the funds of \$9911.61 from the 2013 host, Lennox- Addington County, for the purpose of hosting the bi-annual conference.

Carried

Barb Fedy noted the success of a recent open house held to eliminate poverty in Grey and Bruce Counties. Mrs. Fedy noted that over 30 organizations are now involved across the two counties.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Other Business

Barb Fedy noted the closure of the Salvation Army Day care which was announced at the end of last week and elaborated on some of the factors contributing to the closure including less day care aged children in the area.

Next Meeting Dates

February 12, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

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On motion by Councillor McQueen the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair