



Committee Minutes

Mental Health and Addictions Task Force October 26, 2022 – 1:00 PM

The Mental Health and Addictions Task Force met electronically on the above date with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair O'Leary; Members Naomi Vodden and Dr. Arra; Councillors Carleton, Hutchinson, Keaveney, and Clumpus; and Warden Hicks.

Regrets: Councillors Burley, Mackey, and Members David Willis, Clark MacFarlane, Sandra McLay-Winters.

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Anne Marie Shaw, Director; Josh Gibson, Housing Programs Manager; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; and Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Alison Govier, Coordinator of the Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy for the Canadian Mental Health Association, was also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chair O'Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

Naomi Vodden, Director, Mental Health and Addiction Services - Grey Bruce Health Services

Naomi Vodden presented to the Committee to provide an update on the Addictions and Mental Health Wellness Centre located in the former Bayview School, noting construction and design progress, changes informed by community and stakeholder engagement, and planned services and models of care. Further, the presenter reported

on recruitment efforts and recent initiatives, including an internal mental health and addictions conference.

In response to questions from the Committee, the presenter discussed the specialized services required to support those recovering from eating disorders and diazepam addictions, considerations for serving different age groups, community partnerships, ministry funding and targets, and construction progress. Further, Naomi Vodden confirmed they would share the recruitment video. The Committee heard comments from its members on empirical research that demonstrated no discernable link between crime and the presence of treatment centres in a community and the need for education.

Reports – Chief Administrative Officer

CAOR-MHAT-13-22 - Mental Health and Addictions Task Force Final Report

CAO Wingrove presented to the Committee to review the Mental Health and Addictions Task Force Final Report, reviewing changes to the previously shared draft, the findings of the report, and the recommendations outlined in the report. Further, the presenter described how the recommendations were then divided into themes, including data and analysis, community development, mental health services, support for youth and families, addiction services, and housing, and spoke about the next steps.

In response to questions from the Committee, the presenter discussed how the Committee's work would continue, supports for navigating social and community services, and a future Master Plan to inform gaps, models, systems, and services.

MHA 12-22 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That report CAOR-MHAT-13-22 regarding the Mental Health and Addictions Task Force Final Report be received for information.

Carried

Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

To Be Determined.

On motion by Councillor Carleton and Warden Hicks, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Brian O'Leary, Chair