



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management April 9, 2020 – 12:45 PM

The Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Chair Dwight Burley, Councillors Barb Clumpus, Christine Robinson, Scott Mackey and Brian O'Leary; and Warden Paul McQueen

Regrets: Councillor Woodbury

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Karen Kraus, Shannon Cox and Renate Cowan, Executive Directors, Heather Morrison, Clerk and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Vice Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Overview of COVID-19 Efforts in Grey County Long-Term Care

Jennifer Cornell updated the Committee on the efforts that the LTC homes have undertaken since January. Ms. Cornell provided a timeline of the actions taken, including reminders to staff about hand hygiene and restricting visitors into the homes. Residents have also been instructed to stay in the homes. Redeployed staff are working as screeners and helping with other duties in the homes.

Entrance to the homes is permitted through one door and group activities have been cancelled. Long-term care has also established procedures to prepare for the future needs of the homes.

It was also noted that Grey County has registered its homes to allow for nursing students and are working with Paramedic Services on ordering supplies for five unfunded beds. This will provide some support and relief for the hospitals as they prepare for a possible surge in patients.

All three homes are providing room service for meals or having spread out dining areas with two residents to a table. To stay ahead of the virus, the homes have also implemented a process for staff to change in and out of their uniforms at work to reduce the risk of transmission.

This week, the homes have started further cohorting staff and creating isolation areas in the event of positive cases. The leadership teams are in the homes seven days a week. Ms. Cornell spoke highly of the teams and noted the incredible work they are doing.

Grey County long-term care has the benefit of accessing information from a number of working groups and committees which allows the homes to be up to date on the changing directives.

Staff have quickly adapted to the changes and are doing their best to Colour It for the residents every day.

The homes are looking ahead, managing and monitoring and ensuring ongoing communication.

Further changes were outlined, including efforts to reduce the number of staff working in more than one location.

It was confirmed that none of the homes have had any positive COVID-19 cases. An outbreak is declared with one positive lab confirmed case in either a resident or staff member.

Staff addressed questions regarding union discussions on redeployed staff and staffing hours as well as recent directives surrounding processes for residents who are symptomatic. The challenges with the lack of available swabs was highlighted, however public health is actively trying to get more swabs and distribute them appropriately. All staff are also required to wear masks. The homes are following the conservation guidelines for personal protective equipment and supplies are sufficient at this time.

It was noted that it is also important for families to have the conversation surrounding end of life care so steps can be taken to ensure everything is in place to support people at the end of their life.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined.

On motion by Warden McQueen and Councillor Robinson, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.