



# Committee Minutes

## Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force

February 3, 2020 – 9:30 AM

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 and Kathie Nunno, Administrative & Accessibility Coordinator

## Call to Order

Vice Chair Brian Milne called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Warden Paul McQueen then entered the meeting.

## Declaration of Interest

There was none.

## Stakeholder Delegations

*Naomi Vodden, Director Mental Health Services - Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS) and Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services – Grey County*

Naomi Vodden led a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed Operational Stress Injury Clinic under development at the Meaford Hospital to provide mental health care to military personnel at Canadian Forces Base Meaford and police, fire and paramedic first responders. Kevin McNab explained the role of the Paramedic Services support team and the PTSD Prevention Plan. Mr. McNab stressed that early intervention yields the

best results. By the time post-traumatic stress disorder develops, the return to health is significantly more challenging. The key is prevention and early intervention.

Councillor Hicks then entered the meeting.

There is a Frontline Family Wellness Day happening on February 9, 2020 for frontline workers and their families at the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound. The symposium allows attendees to learn about the mental health continuum, resources for care and family support among others. In the evening, the Galaxy Cinema in Owen Sound will screen the documentary, *The Other Side of the Hero*.

The Operational Stress Support Clinic at the GBHS Meaford Site will provide timely access to mental health services close to home. The project has a funding gap and has asked the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force to discuss how to manage the gap.

Martin Mazza spoke about the hospital funding model which is predominantly provincially-provided and geared to sustainable operations. The main challenge is to ensure secured funding which will lead to ensuring secured staffing. Mr. Mazza added that mental health services are a provincial priority.

Potential demand for service was discussed. Mr. Mazza commented on the significant increase in mental health and addiction services needed at GBHS. The Owen Sound site is the area's only schedule one facility that provides mental health services for Grey and Bruce.

### *Martin Mazza, CFO, Grey Bruce Health Services*

Martin Mazza spoke about the development of the County of Simcoe Hospital Alliance Funding Policy for capital projects. At the time of creation, it was determined to be a priority not to receive every delegation and request for funding, but to have all of the requests go through an alliance group which would consider each request based on the same set of criteria. The group would then determine which projects would be presented to Simcoe County with a request for capital funding.

Provincial health care funding is predominantly for operational matters. The Province requires communities to fundraise 10% of the cost of capital construction.

The Committee discussed the role of an alliance between the County and the GBHS hospital corporation.

The benefit of historical political representation on hospital boards was increased information sharing and awareness.

The committee discussed potential contacts/stakeholders for collaboration on the policy/alliance project. Discussion arose about the potential to collaborate with Bruce County.

GBHS does not have a role with hospice in the current model. Requests from hospice and other one-off health care funding requests are likely. The Simcoe policy does not include provision for these.

## Other Business

There was none.

## Next Meeting Dates

Monday, March 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM; Monday, April 6 at 9:30 AM; and Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

On motion by Councillors Milne and Clumpus, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Paul McQueen, Chair