

“THAT, the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on Friday, October 23, 2020 and the Board of Health Executive Committee on Friday, November 6, 2020 be approved as presented.”

Carried

6.0 Presentations/Delegations

6.1 [Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team – Development](#) – Allan Madden

Allan Madden, CEO for South Bruce Grey Community Health Centre presented an overview of the Ontario Health Team Development. This overview included information on what an Ontario Health Team is, how the application process works, stakeholder engagement, the planning committee, decision-making framework and next steps for Boards.

Executive Directors/CEOs will be asked to solicit feedback from Boards and summarize for the planning committee. The full application will be circulated to all participating organizations for review and sign-off by the end of November. By signing off, organizations confirm that the appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that the content of the application is accurate and complete.

Denna Leach joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Allan Madden left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

6.2 [COVID-19 Emergency Response in Long-Term Care](#) – Denna Leach

Public Health Manager for the Infectious Diseases Team, Denna Leach, provided an overview of COVID-19 Response in Long-Term Care, Retirement Homes and Childcare settings. She described the role of Public Health with prevention and control of outbreaks and how that looked pre and during COVID.

Staff in long-term care, retirement homes and childcare centres have demonstrated an immense commitment to providing the safest care possible in these settings. Public Health will continue to build on the strong relationships with these partners.

Denna Leach left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

7.0 Correspondence and News Releases

7.1 News Releases

7.1.1 COVID-19 Community Cluster – South Bruce Peninsula

7.1.2 Medical Officer of Health Halloween Message

7.1.3 Flu Vaccine

7.1.4 Students Cleared to Return to School – Osprey

7.1.5 Sacred Heart Students Cleared to Return to School

7.1.6 New Well Water Testing Drop-Off in Brockton

7.1.7 COVID-19 Investigation – Dundalk

7.1.8 COVID-19 Associated with School – Bruce Peninsula District School

7.1.9 COVID-19 Associated with School – Cedarville Breezes

7.1.10 Flu Vaccine Availability

8.2 [Opioid Situation Grey Bruce](#) (Standing Item)

The MOH Report included an overview of the Opioid situation in Grey Bruce, put together by the Harm Reduction Team. There has been a substantial increase in the number of opioid overdoses in the past 8 months (anecdotal evidence indicates 13 deaths). This is a complex issue with multiple approaches.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has partnered with many organizations to address local needs. Unfortunately, due to the increase in COVID-19 numbers, a number of the Harm Reduction Staff have been redistributed to support case and contact management. The core program will remain operational to service the community however some of the opioid management and harm reduction work will be significantly reduced for the next couple of weeks.

This item will remain as a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

8.3 Public Health Modernization Update (Standing Item)

There has not been any official announcement or direction from Ministry to resume the consultation for Public Health Modernization.

Moved by: Brian Milne

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the Medical Officer of Health updates as presented.”

Carried

9.0 Corporate Services

9.1 Financial Report – September 2020

The financial statements show a surplus primarily due to COVID response delaying regular program expenses. As of the end of September many programs are still operating at a reduced capacity due to COVID. Overtime was being paid out through this period, and we had many new hires in place. The new hire expenses will continue through the end of the year.

Salary and benefit expenses are increasing and above budget due to overtime payouts and hiring of new staff to assist with COVID response.

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Sue Paterson

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the September Financials as presented.”

Carried

9.2 Dental Purchases – 2 Tenders

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health approves the purchase of dental chairs and related dental equipment.”

Carried

Moved by: Brian Milne

Seconded by: Sue Paterson

“THAT, the Board of Health approves the purchase of Panoramic X-Ray and related equipment for Dental.”

Carried

A question was raised about the \$25,000 threshold to go to tender – with the thought being that this number may be low. The Board requested that the Procurement policy be reviewed. Corporate Services will explore this further and report back to the Board.

Kristy Hansford left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

10.0 Other Business

10.1 All Staff Holiday Lunch – Options

Due to COVID and regulations around gathering, Senior Management has been exploring different options for the All Staff Holiday lunch. We will be hosting a virtual holiday celebration and looking at alternatives for the lunch portion.

There was discussion about purchasing gift cards for staff as a token of appreciation, unfortunately gift cards are taxable because they are essentially cash or like cash; a meal is not. The health unit was aiming to avoid doing any sort of organized lunch due to COVID. Typical the range per person is between \$15 and \$25. There was a suggestion to use local vendors if the gift card option went through.

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Sue Paterson

“THAT, the Board of Health direct management to explore alternate options to providing a staff holiday lunch, and FURTHER THAT, the Board of Health support management’s decision in this regard.”

Carried

10.2 Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team – Application Submission

Follow-up to previous direction from the Board, there was an invitation for the Board Chair/Vice-Chair to attend another meeting with the South Bruce Grey Community Health Centre to discuss the path forward for governance of the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team. Sue Paterson attended meetings on the Board’s behalf.

The Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit made the decision not to be a signing party to this application as it does not contain an appropriate governance model. Furthermore, should the application proceed without such model, the Board will strongly advocate the Ontario Government not approve it given this key outstanding item.

The Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit directed management to send advocacy letters to relevant community health organizations and involved parties in order to raise awareness of this issue and indicate the Board’s position.

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by Sue Paterson

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the report.”

Carried

11.0 In-Camera Session

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health does now go into closed session at 11:52 a.m. to discuss 3 items pertaining to labor relations and employee negotiations, 1 item pertaining to advice subject to solicitor client privilege and 1 item pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual and FURTHER THAT, Dr. Arra, Matt McMurdie and Erin Meneray shall remain present.”

Carried

The Board returned to open session at 12:40 p.m. with Chair Mitch Twolan presiding. Chair Twolan confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed with one item received for information and direction given on one item.

Moved by: Brian Milne

Seconded by: Brian O’Leary

“THAT, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit ratify the ONA contract as presented in the Memorandum of Understanding in closed session.”

Carried

12.0 Adjournment

By motion of Selwyn Hicks, the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Electronic Participation

X

Mitch Twolan
Chairperson

X

Dr. Ian Arra
Medical Officer of Health

X

Erin Meneray
Recording Secretary