

**ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH - BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2016 @ 5:00 pm
SAULT STE MARIE ROOM A&B 1ST FLOOR, APH SSM**

PRESENT:	Board Members	APH Executives	
	Ian Frazier Deborah Graystone Lee Mason Dr. Heather O'Brien Dennis Thompson	Tony Hanlon, Ph.D. Justin Pino Antoniette Tomie Laurie Zeppa Christina Luukkonen	Chief Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer Director of HR and Corporate Services Director of Community Services Board Secretary
TELECONFERENCE:	Dr. Lucas Castellani	Dr. Alex Hukowich	Associate Medical Officer of Health
REGRETS:	Patricia Avery Sue Jensen Candace Martin	Sherri Cleaves	Director of Clinical Services

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

a) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Mr. Mason called for conflicts of interest; none were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda Items

2016-90 Moved: H. O'Brien
 Seconded: D. Graystone
 THAT the Agenda items dated October 26, 2016, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

2016-91 Moved: H. O'Brien
 Seconded: I. Frazier
 THAT the Board of Health minutes for the meeting dated September 28, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4.0 Delegations/Presentations

a. Special Needs Strategy – Coordinated Service Planning

Ms. Wright, Program Manager for Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Preschool Speech and Language and Infant and Child Development presented to the Board on the Special Needs Strategy – Coordinated Service Program. A copy of the presentation was included in the Board package. The Special Needs Strategy is to provide support for long-standing concerns expressed by parents needing to access special needs services. THRIVE (formerly Children's Rehabilitation Centre Algoma) is the lead agency. Referrals can be done through self-referral or external referral.

b. 5 over 5 Equals One

Ms. Allen, Public Health Nurse presented an update on the Five over Five Strategy. Copies of the presentation were provided in the Board package. The Board of Health for Algoma passed resolution 2015-130 Reducing Smoking Rates by 5% in 5 Years in the District of Algoma on September 22, 2015. Similar supportive resolutions were passed by 19 municipalities and townships across Algoma. Board member asked questions if this strategy will have a component on prevention. This strategy is specifically looking at ways to help smokers quit. APH has other ongoing initiatives and programs that look at prevention that will work in parallel with each other.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from previous minutes.

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Report

Dr. Hanlon provided a brief summary of the MOH/CEO report that was provided in the Board package. APH's annual flu campaign has begun. APH and the Sudbury and District Health Unit partnered with the First Nations communities along the North Shore to host a two-day workshop that focused on collaboration. A report from these meetings will be completed at the end of November.

NE Health Units met with NE LHIN senior staff in Sudbury to look at ways to work together going forward. Dr. Sutcliffe provided a presentation on Public Health programs. The next step is a meeting with all the NE Board of Health Chairs, MOH/CEOs and the NE LHIN in November. There are still unknowns regarding the *Patients First* report. Dr. Hukowich has worked with Central East LHINs previously and feels that working with LHINs is a tremendous idea. The main focus of the LHINs is home care, primary care and hospitals. The question is to what degree and what program areas will the LHINs and Public Health work collaboratively .

Dr. Hanlon expressed gratitude to the Sault Area Hospital for including APH's Leadership Team in their LDI training.

2016-92 Moved: D. Graystone
 Seconded: D. Thompson

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the month of October 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Draft Financial Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2016

Mr. Pino provided a summary of the financial statements that was provided in the Board package. Mr. Pino informed the Board that the one-time funding request for the SH legal costs and IPAC lapse has been approved and adjustments will be made once the funds have been received. Various questions were asked and answered to the satisfactory of the Board. The one month extension in presenting the financials has been very beneficial allowing staff sufficient time to complete accurate reports. .

2016-93 Moved: I. Frazier
 Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the draft Financial Statements for the Period Ending August 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

a. Legalization of Cannabis – Provincial Collaboration

Dr. Hukowich spoke to the briefing note provided in the Board package. At this time it is unknown what exactly the intention of the government is around the legalization of cannabis. There are still a lot of questions and complications that need to be addressed prior to the legalization. A resolution was presented to the Board for consideration to support APH staff in their alignment with the “Provincial Marijuana Collaborative” on cannabis, with the purpose of forwarding public health recommendations to the Federal Task Force reviewing the legalization, enforcement and regulation of cannabis. This resolution is not asking the Board to support the legalization of cannabis.

2016-94

Moved: I. Frazier

Seconded: D. Graystone

WHEREAS Algoma Public Health is committed to prevent disease and promote the health of individuals and communities in the Algoma District; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated the intention to legalize, regulate, and restrict access to marijuana; and

WHEREAS within the current criminalization context, 49.12 % of individuals in Algoma indicated that they have used cannabis in their lifetime compared to 40.22% in Ontario; and

WHEREAS cannabis also ranks 3rd on the list of top drugs presented at intake in both North and East Algoma according to Algoma Public Health’s Community Alcohol/Drug Assessment Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit continue to support staff in their alignment with the “Provincial Marijuana Collaborative” on cannabis, with the purpose of forwarding public health recommendations to the Federal Task Force reviewing the legalization, enforcement and regulation of cannabis; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be shared with the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, local Members of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Federal Minister of Health, the Attorney General, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Boards of Health, Ontario Public Health Association, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and local community partners.

CARRIED

8.0 Correspondence Items

All correspondence items were previously emailed to Board members. Copies were also included in their Board packages.

a. Food Security

- i. Letter to Ontario Ministers from Peterborough Public Health dated September 30, 2016
- ii. Letter to Federal Ministers from Peterborough Public Health dated September 30, 2016

- iii. Letter to Premier Wynne and Minister Ballard from Chatham-Kent Public Health dated September 27, 2016
- b. Changes to the HPV Immunization Program (support for APH resolution 2016-50)
 - i. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Peterborough Public Health dated October 6, 2016

9.0 Items for Information

- a. alPHa 2016 Fall Symposium – November 17& 18, 2016
- b. alPHa Information Break – October 13, 2016

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 That the Board Go Into Committee

2016-95 Moved: H. O'Brien
 Seconded: D. Graystone
 THAT the Board of Health goes into committee at 6:08pm
 Agenda Items:

- a. Adoption of previous in-committee minutes dated September 28, 2016
- b. Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

12.0 That the Board Go Into Open Meeting

2016-97 Moved: D. Graystone
 Seconded: H. O'Brien
 THAT the Board of Health goes into open meeting at 6:42pm

CARRIED

13.0 Resolution(s) Resulting from In-Committee Session

2016-98 Moved: I. Frazier
 Seconded: H. O'Brien
 THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit appoint Dr. Marlene Spruyt as the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer of Algoma Public Health, effective January 3, 2017, pending approval of the appointment by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

CARRIED

14.0 Announcements

Next Committee Meetings:

November 9, 2016

Finance and Audit Committee 4:30-6:00pm

Governance Standing Committee 6:00-7:00pm

Next Board Meeting:

November 23, 2016 at 5:00pm

Sault Ste. Marie Room A&B

15.0 THAT the Meeting Adjourn

2016-99 Moved: D. Graystone
 Seconded: H. O'Brien
 THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns at 6:46pm.
CARRIED

Lee Mason, Chair

Christina Luukkonen, Secretary

Date

Date

APPROVED