



Board of Health Meeting
AGENDA

October 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Video/Teleconference | Algoma Community Room

BOARD MEMBERS

Sally Hagman - Board Chair
Ed Pearce - 1st Vice Chair
Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice Chair
Lee Mason
Micheline Hatfield
Musa Onyuna
Brent Rankin
Matthew Scott
Louise Caicco Tett

APH EXECUTIVE

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health
Antionette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention
Leslie Dunseath - Financial Analyst
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary
Tanya Storozuk - Executive Assistant

GUESTS: Kristy Harper - Manager of Community Wellness & School Health, Amanda Perri - Epidemiologist, Allison McFarlane - Public Health Nurse, Liliana Bressan - Research Policy Advisor

* *Proceedings are being recorded and will be available upon request*

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Hagman

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated October 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

COVID-19 and the Opioid Crisis in Algoma presentation

*K. Harper, A. Perri,
A. McFarlane*

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated September 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

S. Hagman

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

J. Loo

- i. MOH Report - October 27, 2021

RESOLUTION

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO for October 2021 be accepted as presented.

ii. Request for Increase in Provincial Base Funding for Local Public Health

J. Loo

RESOLUTION

Whereas Algoma Public Health (APH), since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019, has provided a robust pandemic response to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas APH has coordinated, implemented, and supported COVID-19 vaccination clinics across the district to deliver 176,794 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to eligible persons in Algoma; and

Whereas to resource urgent pandemic response and immunization programming needs, APH has diverted resources from pre-existing public health services to ensure timely response to COVID-19 and maintenance of highest risk programming; and

Whereas the diversion of resources has resulted in the scale down or suspension of moderate to low risk public health programs and services, similar to other areas of the health sector; and

Whereas the scale down or suspension of public health programming has resulted in significant service backlogs and new public health priorities that, unless addressed in the short-term and resourced appropriately, will continue to grow and result in negative community health impacts; and

Whereas to date, for 2022, the Ontario Ministry of Health has committed to continue both one-time reimbursement to local public health units for extraordinary COVID-19 expenses, as well as one-time mitigation funding to offset the impacts of the cost-sharing formula change to municipalities; and

Whereas local public health agencies have received only one increase to provincial base funding in the past five years, despite the introduction of several new programs within the Ontario Public Health Standards and inflation resulting in wage, benefit, and operating cost increases; and

Whereas the recruitment and retention of skilled public health professionals in northern Ontario has faced significant and longstanding challenges, similar to the health human resource challenges of the health care sector in the north; and

Whereas one-time funding is inadequate to sustainably recruit, hire, and retain skilled public health professionals to provide a robust pandemic response, and simultaneously fulfil a provincial mandate of providing core public health programs and services; and

Whereas communities in Algoma now require enhanced program and service delivery to respond the threat of newly emerging infectious diseases and public health issues, and to recover from the collateral harms that have resulted from prioritization of the pandemic response (e.g., opioid overdose death increases, mental health complications, etc.).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health write to the Ontario Minister of Health to request that the provincial government commit to increased base funding to local public health units, with particular attention to addressing longstanding public health human resource challenges in the north, such that public health units are able to both continue a robust pandemic response, and restore the delivery of mandated public health services to Ontario citizens.

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance & Audit Committee Chair Report - October 13, 2021

E. Pearce

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health approves the Finance & Audit Committee Chair Report for the period ending October 13, 2021, as presented.

ii. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2021.

E. Pearce

RESOLUTION

L. Dunseath

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2021, as presented.

iii. IPAC Hub Funding Letters

J. Loo

7.0 New Business/General Business

a. Chair of Boards of Health Meeting

S. Hagman

b. Algoma Vaccination Council Update

L. Caicco Tett

c. AOHT Board-to-Board Information Session and Discussion

S. Hagman

d. aPHa Fall Symposium

S. Hagman

- 8.0 Correspondence** *S. Hagman*
- a. Letter to the Ministry of Health, from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding **COVID-19 Funding** dated October 21, 2021.
 - b. Letter to the Ministry of Health, from Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding **Support for a Local Board of Health** dated October 13, 2021.

9.0 Items for Information *S. Hagman*

10.0 Addendum *S. Hagman*

11.0 In-Camera *S. Hagman*

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, adoption of in-camera minutes, security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

12.0 Open Meeting *S. Hagman*

Resolutions resulting from in camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings: *S. Hagman*

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Video
Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

14.0 Evaluation *S. Hagman*

15.0 Adjournment *S. Hagman*

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.