



Board of Health Meeting
AGENDA
September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Video/Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS

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

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Antionette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Programs
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Liliana Bressan - Manager of Effective Public Health Practice
Kimberly Aslett - Research Policy Advisor
Emma Pillsworth - Public Health and Preventive Medicine Resident Physician
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary
Tanya Storozuk - Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Mennonite Community Leadership - Isaak Doerksen - Bishop, Amos Weber - Deacon, Betsy Weber
Melinda Freer - Public Health Nurse, Algoma Public Health (Mennonite/Amish Community Liaison)
Carol-Ann Agnihotri - Nurse Practitioner, North Shore Health Network
Mary Ellen Luukkonen - Interim VP of Clinical Services & Chief Nursing Executive, North Shore Health Network & Co-Chair for East Algoma Ontario Health Team
Dr. Nicholas Jeeves, Physician and Chief of Staff, North Shore Health Network

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Hagman

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

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated September 28, 2022 be approved as presented.

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Planting seeds for collaboration: Relationship building with the Mennonite Community in Algoma

*L. Bressan &
Reflections by
M. Freer, CA
Agnihotri &
Mennonite
Leadership*

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated June 22, 2022 be approved as presented.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

J. Tuinema

i. MOH Report - September 2022

RESOLUTION

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for September 2022 be accepted as presented.

ii. Comprehensive Public Health Approach for Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the opioid poisoning crisis is a complex public health issue that has worsened throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, data from the Office of the Chief Coroner shows that Algoma Public Health had the third highest rate in the province for opioid-related deaths between April 2021-March 2022;

Whereas, northern Ontario experiences higher rates of poverty and poor health, elevated rates of many health-harming behaviours, and inadequate access to high-quality health care and social services, compared to southern Ontario;

Whereas, Algoma's health system is under-resourced to respond to the escalating burden of opioid-related morbidity and mortality, due to persistent challenges with recruitment and retention, training, and inadequate funding across health and social services;

Whereas, 8 out of 10 Canadians with a substance use disorder say they experience barriers to recovery, including stigma;

Whereas, long-term solutions to the opioid poisoning crisis must prioritize a comprehensive, multi-sectoral approach and coordinated action to address the social determinants of health, facilitate prevention and education, and deliver harm reduction, treatment and recovery, and enforcement interventions;

Whereas, Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) are important harm reduction interventions; preventing overdose-related deaths and connecting people to primary care, treatment, rehabilitation, as well as other health and social services to address their needs (e.g., mental health support, food, housing);

Whereas, health and social service agencies across Algoma have identified that addressing the housing and homelessness crisis is a top priority in order to decrease harms associated with substance use;

Whereas, several public health agencies and organizations have called to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances, including but not limited to, Toronto Public Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and the Canadian Public Health Association;

Whereas, the Sault Ste. Marie and Area Drug Strategy includes several partners who are committed to responding to the opioid poisoning crisis, however sustained funding for a dedicated, fulltime coordinator to oversee the planning and implementation of a comprehensive strategy is lacking.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health endorse the recommended actions (#1-7) from the letter from Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit to the Ontario Minister of Health (Appendix), and write a letter to the Ontario Minister of Health urging for commitment to a more fulsome, comprehensive public health approach for substance use prevention and harm reduction in Ontario;

And further be it resolved, that the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health advocate to the Ontario Minister of Health the need for fulltime, sustained funding to support a Coordinator for the Sault Ste. Marie and Area Drug Strategy.

iii. Appendix - Opioid Crisis Advocacy Letter

iv. Strategic Plan and Agency Priorities

b. Finance and Audit

L. Dunseath

i. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022, as presented.

c. Governance

D. Graystone

i. Governance Committee Meeting Chair Report - September 2022

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Governance Committee Meeting Chair Report for September 2022.

ii. Briefing Note: Annual General Meeting

iii. Policy 02-05-001 Composition and Accountability of the Board of Directors

RESOLUTION

2022-57

Seconded: B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-001 Composition and Accountability of the Board of Directors**, as presented.

iv. 02-05-015 Conflict of Interest

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **02-05-015 Conflict of Interest**, as presented.

v. 02-05-025 Board Member Remuneration

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **02-05-025 Board Member Remuneration**, as presented.

vi. 02-05-035 Continuing Education for Board Members

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **02-05-035 Continuing Education for Board Members**, as presented.

vii. 02-05-060 Meetings and Access to Information

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **02-05-060 Meetings and Access to Information**, as presented.

viii Briefing Note - BOH By-Law 06-02 Assignment of CBO

ix. By-Law 06-02 Ontario Building Code Appointments

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **By-Law 06-02 Ontario Building Code Appointments**, as presented.

7.0 New Business/General Business

S. Hagman

i. Letter of Support - Healthy Babies Healthy Children Funding

RESOLUTION

THAT, the Board of Health endorse the correspondence from Sudbury & Districts Public Health regarding Healthy Babies Healthy Children Funding.

8.0 Correspondence

S. Hagman

- a. Letter to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities from the Niagara Region Board of Health regarding **Indoor Air Quality Improvement** dated July 5, 2022.
- b. Letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care from Niagara Region Board of Health regarding **Paid Sick Leave in Ontario** dated July 19, 2022.
- c. **Letter of Congratulations** to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care from Algoma Public Health July 28, 2022.
- d. Letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care from Niagara Region Board of Health regarding **Paid Sick Leave** dated September 7, 2022.
- e. Letter to the Premier of Ontario from Sudbury and District Public Health regarding **Saving Lives Through Lifejacket and Personal Flotation Device Legislation** dated September 22, 2022.

9.0 Items for Information

S. Hagman

- a. alPHA - Message from Board of Health Chair dated July 6, 2022
- b. Ontario Newsroom - Ontarians Aged 18+ Second Booster Shot dated July 13, 2022
- c. alPHA Information Break dated July 19, 2022
- d. Ontario Newsroom - Vaccine Bookings to Open to Children dated July 21, 2022
- e. Ontario Newsroom - Ontario Introduces Plan to Stay Open
- f. alPHA Information Break dated August 19, 2022
- g. alPHA Information Break dated September 16, 2022
- h. Federal Dental Care Program - Northern Perspectives

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.

12.0 Open Meeting

S. Hagman

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

S. Hagman

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

BOH Reconciliation Training

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 @ 4:30 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

14.0 Monthly Evaluation

S. Hagman

15.0 Adjournment

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.