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Minutes: February 5th, 2021 Via Zoom

Present:, Marianne Stickland, Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, Cathy Still, Tom Bryson, Barbara Marlow and Lyle Hall (joined 11:05am), Brad Kneller (joined 11:22am), Carol Ballantyne

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter

Guests: Kevin MacLeod (joined 11:11am Executive Director BFFHT),

Secretary: Erica Kellogg

Call to order at 11:00am by Chair Rod Ward.

1. 2020-033 Moved by Cathy Still and Seconded Barbara Marlow

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from January 8th, 2021 as circulated. Carried.

2. **Delegations:** None at this time

3. **Resolutions passed:**

2020-034 Moved by Tom Bryson and Seconded Marianne Stickland

Items 4(b) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee approves in principle the request from the Burk's Falls Family Health Team to utilize the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre website as a portal for online booking at no cost to the Committee or Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

4. **Items for Discussion**

- a) R.Ward updated the Committee on his request to discuss the Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team. Janine van den Heuvel agreed to arrange a meeting with Dr. Mathies Chair of the MAOHT Steering Committee, Kevin MacLeod Executive Director of the Burk's Falls Family Health Team and herself, no date was provided. The AHC Committee will continue to pursue the Almaguin Highlands OHT.
- b) R. Ward discussed with members a request from the Burk's Falls Family Health Team to utilize the AHC website for online appointment booking. The website would have a URL uploaded to the website which would act as a portal for online appointment bookings. There would be no cost to the

Committee or Village. Discussions regarding promotion of the URL included use of the AHHC Facebook page.

- c) M. Stickland provided the Committee with an update on the AHOHT. Members discussed “The Patient’s Voice” provided within the package. The overriding principal is ‘keeping people well in the community”. Recommendations to include a principal that speaks to those residents that are currently not attached to a primary care physician was suggested.
- d) Discussion around the February Status report included updates on current fibre installation within the area, as it continues to be an area for advocacy for the AHHC Committee.

(C. Still left at 11:37am)

- e) The OTN funds breakdown was received with no questions or concerns.
- f) K. MacLeod informed the Committee the Ontario Telemedicine Network office is working to increase patient capacity as appointments are being booked again. In September 2020 there were a total of 9 appointments this increased to 22 in December 2020, which is comparable to usage seen in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

The Family Health Team had a doctor visit in January which is a “promising lead”, hopefully information will be provided later this year.

A new phone system has been installed within the FHT, this will allow members of the FHT to work remotely, the initiative was support by ACED. There is also the potential for the EMR to include broad messaging, for example announcements regarding Flu Clinics.

K. MacLeod informed members that the BFFHT roaster is growing, 200 patients have been added to the roaster since July of last year, July2020/3700 patients the team is now at 3900 patients collectively. The roasters for each physician is fluid, there are constant fluctuations with respect to patients moving out of the area or patients passing on.

T. Bryson updated the Committee that he has provided N. Hofstetter with wood that will be used for the Bruce Campbell Boardroom.

Resolution: 2020-35 Moved by Barb Marlow and Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 11:56am to meet again on March 15th, 2021 at 11:00am. Carried.