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Minutes: March 2, 2023, 10:00 am via Zoom and in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Brian McCabe, Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Brad Kneller, Jim Ronholm, Vicky Roeder-Martin, Chris Hope, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson

Guests: None

Called to order at 10:02 am by Chair R. Ward

* Adjustments were made to the agenda- S. Keast, MAOHT, HHR Recruiter unable to attend. Rebooked for April.

1. 2023-06 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by F. Williamson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of February 2, 2023. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
2023-07 Moved by B. McCabe - Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council appoints the following members to seats on MAOHT Committees, representing the Council:
Delynne Patterson- Human Health Resources Working Group
Chris Hope- Digital Working Group
Margaret Ann MacPhail- Home and Community Care Modernization Working Group
Rod Ward- Collaboration Steering Committee
Carried.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) **Discussion regarding need for Almaguin Healthcare System Navigator role**

In the past Council had discussed the potential for a Almaguin Healthcare System Navigator. This role would be responsible for connecting people to healthcare services throughout Almaguin. Discussion was preliminary. It was acknowledged the navigator would require a background in healthcare. More discussion to come.

B) **Hospital 'Local Share' Update**

Various groups continue to meet about the municipal 'local share' required for the two new hospital builds. R. Ward has presented to various councils on the matter. As this continues to evolve, all municipalities will look at their own situation and decide what they can do towards a proactive solution. Almaguin is now at the table with MAHC and part of the discussion. This is significant progress. Almaguin Highland Health Council representatives have been clear that we must maintain the MAHC services in Almaguin and expand them as possible.

C) **Progress Report**

R. Ward reviewed the March 2023 Progress Report for the Council.

D) **Other business**

Secretary introduced the idea of moving Council meetings from the AHHC boardroom into the other member communities. The goal is to open discussions about what is required for healthcare in member municipalities. What services do others need? The meeting may include a tour of healthcare facilities in the municipality where applicable, or highlight vacant space where possible services could be stationed. All in favor. April's meeting tentatively booked in McMurrich-Monteith. Details to follow.

Secretary shared that with the BFFHT move from the top floor of the AHHC to the main floor east wing, three small units will be available on the upper level. The Village of Burk's Falls plans to refresh these spaces with the goal of having them rental ready in the summer. Perfect for social services and health related professions.

C. Hope discussed the concept of a charitable foundation being formed that would support the AHH Centre and Almaguin. Discussions are occurring and research undertaken. More to come on this matter.

It was asked that a representative of the BFFHT attend the next meeting of Council to share plans for the renovation of the east wing space, and speak to the email that was sent regarding contributions to the 5 catchment municipalities. R. Ward to reach out to S. Van Den Heuvel, Interim ED, regarding this request.

2023- 08 Moved by B. McCabe - Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:14 am to meet again on April 6, 2023, at 10:00 am. Carried.

Location to be determined.