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**Minutes: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:** Norm Hofstetter, Brad Kneller, Barbara Marlow, Cathy Still, Marianne Stickland, Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, and Lyle Hall, Carol Ballantyne

**Regrets:** Tom Bryson

**Guests:** Sandra Dalglish (Executive Director BFFHT)

Call to order at 10:00am by Chair Bruce Campbell.

1. 2020-001 Moved by Barb Marlow and Seconded Brad Kneller  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**  
The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as circulated. Carried.
2. Delegation: None at this time.
3. Items for Discussion;
  - a) Almaguin Saves Huntsville Hospital (ASHH) proposed meeting for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre.
    - Committee members discussed the proposed meeting and confirmed their attendance.
  - b) Township of Archipelago resolution in support of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board resolution in support of a District wide Ontario Health Team.
    - Committee members received the resolution.
  - c) Ontario Health Team – survey update
    - M. Stickland commented that as of the date of the meeting, there have been 327 completed. Members brought in additional paper surveys which M. Stickland will input. M. Stickland will provide the Committee with a consolidated report on survey responses.
    - M. Stickland also provided information regarding the Almaguin OHT. Conversations had with Dr. P. Preston and Norm Miller MPP, both encouraged the continuation of the Almaguin OHT self-assessment.

- d) Ministry of Health discussion papers and consultation request on Modernization of Public Health and Emergency Health Services.
  - Members of the Committee will be in attendance in person or via webinar. Chairman Campbell referred members to the letter contained in the agenda package which was his response to the Ministry's request for feedback.
- e) Treasures report
  - The financial statement was received with no comment.
- f) Other business
  - S. Dalgleish informed the Committee that she will be retiring the end of March 2020 as the Executive Director for the Burk's Falls Family Health Team. S. Dalgleish was thanked for her service to the BFFHT and congratulated on her retirement. C. Still informed the Committee that she now sits on the FHT Board and the Board is actively recruiting for a candidate.

#### 4. RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED

Resolution: 2020-02 Moved by Barb Marlow and Seconded by Cathy Still

**WHEREAS** The Ontario Government has announced the formation of new Ontario Health Teams in Ontario. These Teams once established will be required to coordinate an integrated and seamless primary healthcare services for residents within a geographically defined area.

**AND WHEREAS** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee submitted an expression of interest to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care in May of 2019 to ensure the Almaguin Highlands communities' primary health care is provided in a manner that promotes better value, strengthens local services and improves the overall physical health, mental health and well-being of residents.

**AND WHEREAS** The Almaguin Highlands Health Team submission has been placed "*In Discovery*" as it demonstrates a "willingness to participate and support the transformation" currently in place with the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care.

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario Health Teams placed "*In Discovery*" are required to continue to develop supportive relationships with service providers and agencies within the health care field, as a means to progress to "*In Development*"; and subsequent invitation to Full OHT Application.

**AND WHEREAS** opportunities with nearby OHT Applicants continue to support the status quo; which does not support the Ministry of Health's mandate of equitable funding and access to health care for all Ontarians. We must address decades of chronic underfunding, in East Parry Sound, by advocating for our residents, supporting our service providers, and building a sustainable and integrated continuum of care.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee invites the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board to discuss support of (the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committees submission of the Almaguin Highlands Health Team, to create a submission that will be inclusive to the District of Parry Sound.) expanding the defined geographic area from East Parry Sound, to the District of Parry Sound; as it relates to the Ontario Health Team Application. Carried

Resolution: 2020-03 Moved by Brad Kneller and Seconded by Dennis Banka

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adjourn at 1:34am to meet again on February 7, 2020. Carried.