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Minutes: February 4, 2022, 11:00am via Zoom and in person in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Tom Bryson, Carol Ballantyne, Brad Kneller, Dennis Banka, Delynne Patterson, Barbara Belrose, Carol Ballantyne, Marianne Stickland (Vice Chair), Cathy Still, Camille Barr (Secretary)

Guests: Kevin MacLeod (BFFHT), Courtney Metcalf (ACED), Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith (Nippising Wellness OHT), Elder Healer Josh, Bobbie- Lyn Roberts, Joseph Vella

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter

Called to order at 11:04 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2022-061 Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Carol Ballantyne
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from January 7, 2022, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **DELEGATIONS:** Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith of the Nippising Wellness Ontario Health Team to discuss item 5.a of agenda.

Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith provided a presentation on the concept of “Health Hubs” for areas in the north which would fall under the Nippising Wellness OHT.

M. Stickland and R. Ward will follow up for more information. R. Ward will also reach out to the Muskoka and area OHT for feedback.

Council will consider the information provided during this presentation and have further discussion.

3) Update on Discussions with Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)

R. Ward, L. Hall and S. Hicks (Sundridge Medical Centre) met with NOSM to discuss an increase in the allotment of NOSM candidates to potentially provide more physician availability in the North. M. Stickland pointed out it is specifically family physicians needed.

The Village of Sundridge passed a resolution supporting increased enrollment which this Council supports. A resolution has been created and will be distributed to AHHC represented Councils for asking for their support.

4) Monthly progress report review

R. Ward provided a brief overview of the updates for Council.

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time

7. 2022-063 Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Marianne Stickland

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 12:11pm to meet again on March 4, 2022 at 11:00am. Carried.

Location will be via Zoom or in person