

Board of Health

Minutes

March 20, 2024

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Board Members Present: S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, P. Koetsier, S. Warnock, P. Willmott, L. Oehm, S. Kinsella, A. Kungl, N. Nigussie, B. Gordon, J. Leduc, B. Norris, T. Walker, A. Dubeau, S. Read, J. Smith, H. Eves

Staff Present: C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 am.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

L. Oehm read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Consent Agenda

Motion 4.0

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY P. Koetsier

THAT the Board of Health approve the following consent agenda items:

4.1 Minutes from February 21, 2024.

4.2 Changes to COVID-19 Program

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

4.1 Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2024

4.2 Changes to COVID-19 Program

Briefing Note. Natalie Riewe.

5. New Business

5.1 Measles Response in Simcoe Muskoka

Announcements. Dr. Gardner, Natalie Riewe, and Jillian Fenik presenting.

C. Gardner, N. Riewe and J. Fenik presented the item to the Board of Health. An overview of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's response to the confirmation of one SMDHU resident testing positive for the measles was provided.

J. Fenik provided a summary of SMDHU's IMS response. Substantial agency human resources were directed to the containment of this exposure, seeking to avoid further transmission. SMDHU's response focused on public communications, vaccine coverage and containment strategy.

Vaccine coverage included hosting measles clinics in Angus and Alliston, moving forward on vaccination catch-up as part of the recovery of the public health mandate, focusing on childhood vaccination and lack of access.

The containment strategy involves the identification of contacts, determining their vulnerability, and direct exclusion or isolation requirements to help prevent further transmission.

A News Release followed by a Public Service Announcement were released to the public. Dr. Gardner also met with RVH, other health care partners and local media to raise public awareness.

Board members discussed.

Motion 5.1

MOVED BY B. Gordon

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health receive the item as information.

CARRIED

6. In Camera

Motion 6.0

MOVED BY J. Leduc

SECONDED BY N. Nigussie

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the February 21, 2024 in camera minutes and discuss two Legal items, and one HR item.

CARRIED

Motion 6.0.1

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and report.

CARRIED

Motion 6.0.2

MOVED BY P. Willmott

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

Closed session item 1.3 (6.3)

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health approve SMDHU management renewing insurance for 2024/25 and 2025/26 via HUB International.

CARRIED

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.2 Legal Item

6.3 Legal Item

6.4 HR Item

7. New Business Cont'd

7.1 HealthSTATS Revitalization

Briefing Note. Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg, Brenda Guarda and Ainslie Butler presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and B. Guarda presented the item to the Board of Health.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's HealthSTATS website underwent a revitalization process, which began in mid-2022, to create a modern-looking, easy-to-use health status and health equity reporting platform to meet the needs of both internal and external audiences. The newly designed HealthSTATS website was completed in November 2023 and was launched and promoted to partners and the community in December 2023.

A. Butler gave a demonstration of the HealthSTATS pages to the BOH. Highlighting the layout, capabilities, and ease of navigation.

Moving forward, SMDHU programs will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Population Health Assessment Surveillance and Evaluation team indicating their data needs to inform ongoing improvements to the dashboards. Future considerations include the addition of Ontario Health Team geographies. Presentations of the new website will be provided to staff and community partners.

Board discussed this item. The Board of Health members requested the PHASE team present the new HealthSTATS pages to other organizations. These requests are to go through the Executive Assistant to the MOH.

Motion 7.1

MOVED BY H. Eves

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

7.2 2023-2024 SMDHU Strategic Plan

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner, Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg, Brenda Guarda and Casey Hirschfeld presenting.

C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg, B. Guarda and C. Hirschfeld, presented this item to the Board of Health.

The current 2023-2024 Strategic Plan is set to end on December 31, 2024. It was initially created prior to the announcement of the Strengthening Public Health Initiative. As this initiative may have impacts on the Ontario Public Health Standards and given the uncertainty inherent

in this initiative, management may recommend the Board in June 2024 extend the current strategic plan to the end of 2025.

C. Hirschfeld presented the 2023 outcomes scorecard to the Board. Providing an overview of the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan and overall target achievements by priority areas.

Board discussed this item.

Motion 7.2

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY P. Koetsier

THAT the Board of Health receive the Strategic Plan outcomes scorecard for 2023 as information.

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health endorse the extension of the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan to 2025.

CARRIED

7.3 Update on the Board of Health Governance Committee.

Briefing Note. Anita Dubeau, Dr. Charles Gardner and Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

AM. Kungl presented the item to Board of Health.

Board discussed item.

Motion 7.3

MOVED BY B. Norris

SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health approve the changes to the Board Governance Policies in Appendix A as recommended by the Governance Committee.

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health approve the changes to the Finance, Operational, Oversight and Statutory Policies in Appendix B as based on discussion held at the Governance Committee meeting on February 29, 2024.

CARRIED

8. Items of Education

8.1 TOPHC 2024 Convention (in-person & virtual)

- March 26, 2024 (in-person)
- April 3, 2024 (virtual)

8.2 aPHa Conference and Annual General Meeting (in-person)

- June 5-7, 2024

9. Items of Information

9.1 Correspondence to and from SMDHU

- a. Email from SMDHU re Public Service Announcement: Boil water advisory lifted for Friday Harbour Resort
- b. Email from SMDHU re Information regarding homeless encampments
- c. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair, SMDHU Board of Health to Premier Ford

re Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity

- d. Letter from Susan Carleton, Board Chair, Grey-Bruce Board of Health re Potential merger

A. Letter from Ralph Cipolla, Vice Chair, SMDHU Board of Health to Susan Carleton, Board Chair, Grey-Bruce Board of Health re Potential merger

9.2 Public Health Ontario

- a. Email from Michael Sherar, President and CEO and Colleen Geiger, Chief, Strategy, Stakeholder Relations, Research, Information and Knowledge

re Public Health Ontario Strategic Plan 2024-29 and Thank You for your Support

9.3 Food Regulation

- a. Letter from Dr. Charles Gardner, aPHa President, to the Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada

re Regulatory modernization of foods for special dietary use and infant foods

9.4 Intimate Partner Violence

- a. Letter from René Lapierre, Board Chair for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
re Gender-based and intimate partner violence

9.5 Closure of Kingston Public Health Lab

- a. Letter from Wess Garrod, Board Chair for Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health, to Dr. Michael Sherar, President and Chief Executive Officer for Public Health Ontario
re Closure of local Public Health Ontario Laboratory in Kingston

9.6 alPHa InfoBreaks

- a. March 2024 alPHa InfoBreak

10. Announcements/Inquiries

R. Cipolla announced The Orillia Police Services Board will be dissolved April 1, 2024, with a new OPP detachment board forming, that includes representatives from Orillia and the townships of Oro-Medonte, Severn and Ramara.

C. Gardner acknowledged S. Rebellato for his response to the water advisory at Friday Harbour.

11. Date of Next Meetings

- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024

12. Adjournment

Motion 12.0

MOVED BY P. Willmott

SECONDED BY T. Walker

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:50 am.

CARRIED

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health