

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday March 1, 2017

The Board of Health of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit met at 4:00 p.m. at the **GUELPH** Office.

Members in attendance were: Ms. Nancy Sullivan (Chair), Ms. Margaret Abbink, Mr. William Baxter, Ms. Christine Billings, Mr. George Bridge, Mr. Guy Gardhouse, Mr. Cam Guthrie, Ms. June Hofland, Mr. Dennis Lever, Mr. Ken McGhee, Mr. Keith Perron, Mr. Allen Taylor and Mr. Chris White.

Member(s) with regrets: NONE.

Ex-officio member(s) in attendance: Dr. Mercer, Medical Officer of Health & CEO.

Staff members in attendance were: Mr. Chris Beveridge, Ms. Andrea Roberts, Ms. Rita Sethi, Mr. Kyle Wilson, Mr. Tom Craig, Mr. Chuck Ferguson, Ms. Shanna O’Dwyer, Ms. Janice Walters, Ms. Randalin Ellery and Ms. Sylvia Muir (Recording Secretary).

Guests in attendance were: Ms. Jaime Myslik, Wellington Advertiser (Press).

1.0 Call to Order

N. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Status of BOH Vacancies

Currently have 2 vacancies, for provincially appointed members both representing the County of Wellington. City of Guelph appointment has been filled. N. Sullivan welcomed Mayor Cam Guthrie to the WDGPH BOH. Letter received from the City of Guelph tabled below at 11.0 – Correspondence.

N. Sullivan announced that this is the last BOH meeting for K. Perron, as his provincial appointment expires on March 20, 2017, resulting in our 3rd provincially appointed vacancy on the BOH (this vacancy representing the City of Guelph). N. Sullivan thanked him for his support and contributions over the past 10 years. Letter received from Minister Eric Hoskins, MOHLTC tabled below at 11.0 – Correspondence.

2.0 Disclosure(s) of Pecuniary Interest

There are no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: “To approve the Agenda and any Addendums distributed for the March 1, 2017 BOH meeting, as presented.

Moved: K. Perron
Seconded: C. White

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: “To approve the Minutes of February 1, 2017, as presented.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. Billings **CARRIED**

5.0 MOH Updates

Dr. Mercer provided updates on the following matters:

Assessment of Immunization Records for WDG Students Update

- WDGPH is assessing records according to the *Immunization of School Pupil’s Act* for 7-17 year-olds in 2017.
- Assessments for both high school and elementary schools went out in January.
- Currently, 3,524 high school students and 2,561 elementary students remain on the suspension list.
- High school suspensions commence at the end of March 2017 and elementary suspensions commence at the beginning of April 2017.
- WDGPH will continue to offer office and community clinics for the month of March.

Seoul Virus Update

- In February 2017, Public Health Units were advised of 3 confirmed human cases in Ontario and 3 ratteries linked to the investigation in the U.S.
- The reservoir for Seoul Virus is the brown or Norway rat.
- Rats do not become ill but people can become ill if exposed to blood, urine, saliva or bites from infected rats.
- There is no evidence of human-to-human transmission.
- WDGPH will be sending out a Physicians Advisory.

Flu Update

- 21 Influenza A outbreaks have been confirmed in WDG facilities.
- An early analysis of the effectiveness of the vaccine, for this season, indicates that the vaccine has decreased the risk for vaccinated persons to get sick or need medical care.

Fentanyl/Carfentanil Update

- To date, Carfentanil has not been located in our community. It has, however, been located in Cambridge, anecdotally, and Guelph police indicate that past trends have indicated that it takes about a year for the trend to show up in our area after showing up in Waterloo Region.
- WDGPH nursing staff will be trained on March 8, 2017 to provide naloxone. A policy for how we distribute is not yet developed.
- The Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategy has developed an Action Plan to Address Opioids/Fentanyl and is hosting an event to provide Opiate/Fentanyl Training for front-line service providers on March 24, 2017.

alPHa Update

- Numerous speakers were present at the alPHa Winter Symposium, in Toronto, on February 23rd and 24th, 2017. This was a very informative and engaging event. Slide decks for each speaker are available, for BOH members, if they wish to review.

Sharon Lee Smith, Associate Deputy, Minister Policy and Transformation:

- Structured psychotherapy to be publicly-funded.
- A Dementia strategy to be announced soon. 5 pillars - all focused on keeping people out of LTC (dementia day programs).
- Provided an overview of Ontario First Nations Health Action Plan.

Tim Hadwen, Assistant Deputy, Minister Health System Accountability and Performance Division

- Spoke about Patients First legislation and framework.

Michael Barrett, CEO, Southwest LHIN:

- Sub LHINs have been identified based on existing patterns of service provision, patient referral patterns and consultation with local service providers.
- Each LHIN has a mandate to achieve 8% savings in management and administration costs in the new organization with combined LHIN/CCACs.

Dr. David Williams, CMOH, MOHLTC:

- Public Health has unique insights that need to inform system/provincial priorities.

Roselle Martino, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Division:

- MOPHS are now a greater reflection of Ministry Policy and Strategic Directions.
- Effective date for modernized OPHS is January 2018 with some elements being implemented prior to that time.

Mumps Update

- Locally, 2 lab-confirmed cases of Mumps in UofG students.
- WDGPH distributed a Physician Advisory on February 9, 2017.

BOH Authorized and Directed Dr. Mercer to follow-up with respect to animal control coordination re raccoon rabies, via jurisdiction.

6.0 Presentation(s)

MOHLTC Standards for Public Health Programs and Services Consultation Document (Feb 17/17)

Dr. Mercer provided an update on the Document:

- Document outlines how Public Health will operate within the entire healthcare system.
- The largest shift for Public Health is transitioning from hands-on service delivery to providing evidence-based information to inform the delivery of population level interventions and services by other health service providers.
- Timelines: Some elements of the MOPHS may be implemented prior to the effective date of January 2018.
- Addition of a Vision Screening Program – Have very little information on the implementation of this new program.
- Net neutral = no new funding for these new Modernized Standards.

- Regional consultations will take place in the next few weeks and that information will be shared with BOH members.
- Accountability Agreements will be replaced with new Annual Health Service Plans.

7.0 Business Arising

- NONE.

8.0 Consent Agenda

- NONE.

9.0 BOH Report(s)

BH.01.MAR0117.R08 – Infection Prevention and Control Complaint

Dr. Mercer reviewed the contents of Report BH.01.MAR0117.R08.

MOTION:

- (a) **“That the Board of Health receive BOH Report BH.01.MAR0117.R08 – Infection Prevention and Control Complaint, as presented, for information.”**

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: K. McGhee

CARRIED

10.0 Committee (Verbal) Report(s)

Facilities Committee Report:

- No update.

Finance Committee Report:

- No update.

Human Resources Committee Report:

- No update.

Audit Committee Report:

G. Gardhouse, Audit Committee Chair, provided an update advising that the Audit Committee met on Feb 22/17 to review/discuss the following matter(s) with the Auditors (KPMG).

KPMG Audit Planning Report for the Year-Ending December 31, 2016

Motion(s) passed at the Mar 01/17 BOH Meeting:

- (a) **MOTION: “That the Board of Health accepts the KPMG Audit Planning Report for the Year-Ending December 31, 2016, as presented.”**

Moved: G. Gardhouse
Seconded: G. Bridge **CARRIED**

Executive Committee Report:

N. Sullivan, Executive Committee Chair, provided an update advising that the Executive Committee met on Feb 24/17, with L. Bowden, to review/discuss the following matter(s) which was discussed in Closed Session.

MOH/CEO Evaluation Process Update for 2016
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Details of discussion to take place in Closed Session.

11.0 Correspondence

- Dr. Valerie Jaeger, alPHa President and Ms. Ellen Wodchis, OPHA President Letter of Support to the Honourable Helena Jaczek and the Honourable Chris Ballard re the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.
- Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills Congratulatory Letter to WDGPH BOH Chair re Election as BOH Chair.
- Stephen O'Brien, City Clerk, City of Guelph Letter to WDGPH re Member of Council Appointment to the WDGPH Board of Health [tabled].
- Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister, MOHLTC, Thank-you Letter to Keith Perron re Expiry of Appointment to the WDGPH Board of Health [tabled].

(a) MOTION: "That the Board of Health receive the above-noted Correspondence."

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. Guthrie **CARRIED**

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

- To approve the Closed Session BOH Minutes of February 1, 2017.
- MOH Update(s).
- Closed Session Executive Committee Verbal Report [to be tabled][personal matters about an identifiable individual].
- Audit Committee Report from Chair – Feb 22/17[personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees].

(5:32)

MOTION: "To move into Closed Session to approve Closed Session BOH Minutes of February 1, 2017; to review MOH Updates; to review Closed Session Executive Committee Verbal Report [personal matters about an identifiable individual]; and to review Closed Session Audit Committee Report [personal matters about an identifiable individual]."

Moved: K. Perron
Seconded: G. Gardhouse **CARRIED**

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(6:35) Returned to Open Session.

MOTION: “To Ratify the Closed Session Decisions of the March 1, 2017 Board of Health meeting.”

Moved: C. White
Seconded: G. Bridge **CARRIED**

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: “To adjourn the meeting.”

Moved: G. Gardhouse
Seconded: C. Billings **CARRIED**