



## Board of Health

### Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Board of Health was held in the RCDHU Classroom at 7 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario.

#### Present:

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| Peter Emon             | Chair  |
| M. Ann Aikens          | Member |
| Daniel Janke           | Member |
| Christine Reavie       | Member |
| Janice Visneskie Moore | Member |

#### Staff:

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| Marilyn Halko | Executive Assistant (Secretary) |
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#### 01. Call to Order

P. Emon called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

At 2:48 p.m., Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, joined the meeting via telephone.

#### 02. Agenda Approval

The agenda was amended as follows:

- No closed meeting
- Added—05. c. Impacts of News Articles on RCDHU

#### Resolution: # 1 EC 2020-Feb-18

A motion by J. Visneskie Moore; seconded by D. Janke; be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve the agenda, as amended.

Carried

#### 03. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### 04. Minutes of Previous Meetings (Approval)

- a. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2020.

**Resolution: # 2 EC 2020-Feb-18**

A motion by M. A. Aikens; seconded by C. Reavie; be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2020, be approved, as presented.

Carried

- b. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 04, 2020—Meeting A.

**Resolution: # 3 EC 2020-Feb-18**

A motion by D. Janke; seconded by M. A. Aikens; be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the Executive Committee—Meeting A, held on Tuesday, February 04, 2020, be approved, as presented.

Carried

- c. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 04, 2020—Meeting B.

The minutes were amended as follows:

- The press release by Melissa Botz and Mike Barber was moved to the end of the minutes before the Chair’s signature line and introduced with—Note: . . .

**Resolution: # 4 EC 2020-Feb-18**

A motion by M. A. Aikens; seconded by C. Reavie; be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the Executive Committee—Meeting B, held on Tuesday, February 04, 2020, be approved, as amended.

Carried

#### 05. Public Health Modernization

- a. County of Renfrew Position Papers
- i. Investing in Municipal Health Care to End Hallway Health Care
- The revisions recommended by the Committee are reflected in the following hyperlink, and recorded below:
- [Investing in Municipal Health Care to End Hallway Health Care](#)
    - page numbering is reflective of the pages in the above hyperlink

- page one—third paragraph—County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke—remove—*and the Renfrew County and District Board of Health*
- page one—fourth paragraph—remove—*public health,*
- page two—Recommendation #9—remove find—add *explore potential efficiencies*
- page two—delete—Recommendation #11
- page two—Recommendation #12 becomes #11: add—*Any potential savings from the (integration)—would be reinvested into local public health programs and services for the residents of Renfrew County and District.—delete—to the benefit of the municipal funding partners.*
- page two—Recommendation #13 becomes--  
*Recommendation#12*
- page eight—Recommendation #6—delete—*Public H—*  
change to--*health and social services programs.*
- page nine—*first paragraph after 16.—put in parenthesis (integration)--add—other health and social—delete—such as Public Health*
- page ten—second paragraph—delete—*Public Health,*
- page 12—fourth paragraph—delete—*unique—*replace with—*critical/important*
- page 13—first paragraph under Municipal Governance—replace—*need—with—potential for semi-autonomous governance structure such as the City of Ottawa.—delete—duplicate governance and administration of public health offices by integrating Boards of Health (BoH) governance into municipal councils such as the City of Ottawa Board of Health.—add—As elected . . . working together with locally appointed members/stakeholders are closest to the people, and are in the best position to make service delivery decisions that will ensure the best position services and programs for the residents of Renfrew County and District.—delete—are closest to the people, there are local synergies to take on the responsibilities of the BoH.*
- page 14—add—*Recommendation #9: Collaboratively support the Board of Health in its efforts to secure a Medical Officer of Health (MOH) model that meets the requirements related to the oversight of public health programs and services as required by the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA).*

- page 15—first paragraph—delete—*by integrating*—add—*coordinating*—delete—*there* and *by*—add—*may provide*
- page 15—Recommendation #9 becomes *Recommendation#10*—add—*find any potential efficiencies*
- page 15—delete—the original Recommendation #10—(it was moved to Municipal Governance)
- page 15—Recommendation #11 is already listed as Recommendation #6 under the paramedic section on page eight
- page 15—Recommendation #12 becomes *Recommendation #10*—add—*Any cost . . .* delete—*integration*—add—*coordination*—after *would*—add—*reinvested in the public health programs and services that supports positive health outcomes for the residents of Renfrew County and District.*—delete—*to the benefit of the municipal funding partners.*
- page 15—Recommendation 13 becomes *Recommendation #11*
- page 15—last paragraph—replace--*can become*—with—*may become*

ii. A Rural Model to End Hallway Health

The revisions recommended by the Committee are reflected in the following hyperlink, and recorded below:

- [A Rural Model to End Hallway Health](#)
  - two changes on page two—bullets four and five
  - bullet four—municipal changed to *health and social service programs*
  - bullet five—integration changed to *coordination*—also—*and services*--was added to the end of the bullet.

b. Memo for OPH

The Committee discussed the following memo, with points of discussion for the meeting scheduled with OPH Board Members on Friday, February 28, 2020 in Ottawa:

- [Memo—OPH](#)

c. Email sent to Board of Health Chair from RCDHU Staff Member

The following email was sent by a RCDHU Staff Member directly to Chair Visneskie Moore:

- [Impact of News Articles on RCDHU.](#)

A newspaper article that appeared in the Eganville Leader, on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, following a County of Renfrew—County Council meeting, was the basis for the email.

To deal with the fall-out from the newspaper article and to rebuild confidence in the organization, Dr. Cushman reported that he and H. Daly met with RCDHU Staff Members on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at noon, in the Classroom. They addressed: Public Health Modernization, the Pembroke office relocation project and the Eganville Leader article.

BoH Chair Visneskie Moore, will meet with RCDHU Staff Members, on Monday, March 2, 2020, to bring them up to date on events affecting the health unit.

It was recommended that Melissa Botz, Coordinator, Communication and Emergency Preparedness, attend each Board meeting and send out a communication memo, as follow-up to RCDHU Staff Members, highlighting key points addressed during the meeting.

It was suggested that SMT review motions following Board meetings to identify items that need action from the Team.

**07. Closed Meeting**

There was no closed meeting.

**08. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Committee Chair.

**09. Adjournment**

**Resolution: # 5 EC 2020-Feb-18**

A motion by J. Visneskie Moore; seconded by D. Janke; be it resolved that the Executive Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carried

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chair

*The meeting minutes were approved by teleconference during the COVID-19 pandemic.*