



Board of Health

Executive Committee Meeting, via GoToMeeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Board of Health was held via GoToMeeting due to emergency measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. All Members participated by video on the virtual meeting platform—*GoToMeeting*.

Present:

Peter Emon	Chair
M. Ann Aikens	Member
J. Michael du Manoir	Member
Jane Dumas	Member
Christine Reavie	Member
Carolyn Watt	Member

Staff:

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

P. Emon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

02. Agenda Approval

The following items were added to the amended agenda under 07. Correspondence:

- 07. b. Letter to all Boards of Health—Grey Bruce Health Unit—2020-Dec-04
- 07. c. Response letter to CEO, West Region Ontario Health, from Grey Bruce Public Health—2021-Jan-25.

Resolution: # 1 EC 2021-Feb-11

A motion by C. Watt; seconded by J. Dumas; 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. Delegations

There were no delegations.

05. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Approval)

- a. Approval of the meeting minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 20, 2020.

Resolution: # 2 EC 2021-Feb-11

A motion by C. Reavie; seconded by M. A. Aikens; be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve the meeting minutes for Tuesday, October 20, 2020, as presented.

Carried

06. Business Arising

- a. Action List—2020-Dec-09
Items in the Action List Parking Lot were reviewed by the Committee and revised as follows:

Parking Lot

Date	Section of Agenda/Referral to Committee	Item
2021-Feb-11	Executive Committee	May 2021—for review—send letter re: 2021flu season—include access to flu vaccine
2021-Feb-11	Executive Committee	Follow-up re: access to COVID-19 immunization for small rural communities
2021-Feb-11	Executive Committee	Determinants of Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guaranteed basic income • Paid sick leave • Housing • Access to a primary care provider in RC&D
2021-Feb-11	Executive Committee	End of 2021—Lessons Learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic Preparing for the Next One

07. Correspondence

The Executive Committee received the following correspondence:

Subject:		From:	Action:
a.	Paid Sick Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent to Board by email on 2021-Feb-04• Received as information
b.	Letter to Boards of Health—2020-Dec-04	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey Bruce Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received as information and monitoring the situation
c.	Response letter to CEO, West Region Ontario Health—2021-Jan-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey Bruce Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received as information and monitoring the situation

08. Staff Reports

There were no Staff reports.

09. Board Committee Reports

There were no Board Committee reports.

10. By-Laws

There were no by-laws.

11. New Business

- a. Resuming Board Committees
 - i. RCDHU 2015 Operational Plan
 - ii. RCDHU Communications Strategy 2015-2019 Appendix B
 - iii. RCDHU Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy 2015-2019 Appendix C
 - iv. RCDHU Report Community Engagement Review—October 2018
 - v. RCDHU Strategic Plan—Our Road to the Future (2015-2019)

During the 2020-Dec-09 Board of Health Levy meeting the Strategic Plan was extended to 2021, as per the link below:

- RCDHU Strategic Plan 2015 - 2021.

The Executive Committee and Resources Committee will continue to hold virtual platform meetings, as scheduled.

Follow-up for the Executive Committee Members:

The Committee Chairs will review their Committee's Terms of Reference, in consideration of the proposed 2021 priorities for discussion of a Board Work Plan:

- ensure the organization has the resources needed to continue to test, identify and contain COVID-19
- support the organization's Community wide COVID-19 vaccination program
- 2021 budget including long term financing plan for new office space
- support other priority Public Health Programs as identified by staff and as resources allow
- continue collaboration and cooperation discussions with Ottawa Public Health.

At the next Executive Committee meeting the Members will work together to review the RCDHU Board Work Plan for presentation at the Regular Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

- b. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)—Improving the Long-Term Care Outbreak Response in Ontario—AMO's Final Submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission—January 2021

The 48 recommendations for action were presented to the Province.

The recommendations included the following nine themes:

- Vision for LTC & Leadership Culture
- Public Health and Safety
- Planning and Communications
- Staffing Measures
- Care for Residents
- Funding
- Inspections - Enforcement and Compliance
- Mental Health and Well-Being.

- c. Strategic Planning Committee Minutes 2016-Sep-27
Per the Terms of Reference, the responsibility of the items highlighted in these meeting minutes fall to the Executive Committee.
- d. Lessons Learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic—Preparing for the Next One
This item will be placed in the Action Plan Parking Lot and revisited at the end of the 2021.

During the COVID-19 pandemic there was a tremendous amount of strain on families in Renfrew County and District that included the need for:

- Transportation
- food banks
- reliable childcare
- sick leave benefits
- a health care provider.

As part of the discussion, J. Dumas shared that snowmobilers have travelled into South Algonquin from areas of Ontario that are in Provincial shutdown and under the Stay-at-Home order.

* Yesterday, RCDHU returned to the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework as a *Green Zone* along with only two other health units—Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, and Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health.

- e. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Plan
 - i. SCIENCE BRIEFS--Vaccine Rollout in Israel—Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table.

This article was received as information.

The Committee discussed specific areas of concern for rural communities, like Renfrew County and District.

Renfrew County and District's Vaccination Plan is expected to be released on Friday, February 12, 2021.

12. Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

13. Closed

There was no closed meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

15. Adjournment

Resolution: # 3 EC 2021-Feb-11

A motion by C. Reavie; seconded by C. Watt; be it resolved that the Executive Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Carried

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Chair

These meeting minutes were approved by the Executive Committee at the meeting held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.