



## Board of Health

### Executive Committee Meeting, via *GoToMeeting*

Thursday, June 17, 2021

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Board of Health was held via *GoToMeeting*. All Members participated by video.

#### **Present:**

Peter Emon	Chair
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 9:36 a.m.

#### **02. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### **Resolution: # 1 EC 2021-Jun-17**

A motion by C. Reavie; seconded by A. Aikens; be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve the agenda as presented.

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, May 13, 2021.

**Resolution: # 2 EC 2021-Jun-17**

A motion by J. Dumas; seconded by C. Watt; be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve the meeting minutes for Thursday, May 13, 2021, as presented.

Carried

**06. Business Arising**

- a. Action List—2021-May-25  
The Committee Chair acknowledged the Items shown below in the Action List Parking Lot, would be addressed by the Committee in the future:

**Parking Lot**

Date	Section of Agenda/ Referral to Committee	Item
2021-Feb-23	Executive Committee	Determinants of Health from Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CODE-COMOH School Nutrition</li> <li>b. COMOH Letter School Reopening</li> <li>c. aPHa Letter Paid Sick Leave</li> <li>d. Support for Bill 216 Food Literacy</li> <li>e. Paid Sick Leave during an Infection Disease Emergency</li> <li>f. Paid Sick Leave during COVID-19 and beyond</li> </ul> 2021-Mar-30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Paid Sick Days Reform Letter               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mandatory Paid Sick Leave in Ontario</li> <li>b. CODE COMOH Student Nutrition Program Support</li> </ul> </li> </ul> 2021-May-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Ontario expanding Access to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs for Vulnerable Seniors</li> </ul>

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"> <li>• Guaranteed basic income</li> <li>• Paid sick leave</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Access to a primary care provider in RC&amp;D</li> </ul>
2021-Feb-11	Executive Committee	End of 2021—Lessons Learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic Preparing for the Next One
2020-Oct-27	13. Closed	Consideration for Executive Sessions—referred to Governance Committee—January 2021  Reference material—alPHa Board of Health Governance Toolkit—on page 12
2020-Sep-29	07. Correspondence	Guaranteed Basic Income in Throne Speech  2021-May-25  Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

- i. Consideration for Executive Sessions—referred to Governance Committee—January 2021—found on page 12 of the *alPHa Board of Health Governance Toolkit*.

The Governance Committee will consider some of the following items for the *Sessions*:

- Procedural
- Intent
- Legality
- Transparency
- No staff present
- No documentation required.

ii. Opioids—Changing Circumstances

Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic—May 2021

In the Report to the Board on 2019-May-28 the Community Overdose Response Presentation by Andrew Keck identified the 13-member committee—Community Overdose Response Group—that already exists in Renfrew County and District (RCD) and includes the following RCD agencies: Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn Health Services, Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services, Addictions Treatment Services, Pembroke Regional Hospital (PRH), Deep River and District Hospital (DRDH), Renfrew County and District Public School Board (RCDSB), Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre, Mackay Manor Inc./Community Withdrawal Management, Phoenix Centre, Mental Health Services of Renfrew County.

At the 2021 aPHa AGM & Conference the opioid crisis was identified as the number one priority for health units coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Identified as a component of social services, a suggested leverage on the crisis might be to go to the source, via housing with safe injection sites.

After receiving direction from the Board, the Chair will send a letter of response to the Warden regarding the opioid crisis identified in RCD.

It was suggested that this report be sent to RCDHU's epidemiologist as a template for RCD's stats.

iii. Work Plan Development

The DRAFT *Work Plan* was presented to the Committee.

Amendments included:

- re-format *Board Work Plan 2021* to fit on letter sized paper—8.5 x 11
- under Stakeholder Relations Committee add review and refresh *Report: Community Engagement Review* in the *Responsibility* column for Communication Strategies
- Committees to prioritize *Task(s)* at future meetings in October 2021 and flush out timelines.

**Resolution: # 3 EC 2021-Jun-17**

A motion by C. Reavie; seconded by C. Watt; be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommends the *Board Work Plan 2021* be advanced to the Board for approval.

Carried

**07. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**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. Rural Response to COVID-19—February 2021  
Use this as a template and add RCDHU stats.

b. Youth Wellness Hub to Be Established in Renfrew County  
J. Dumas shared the announcement that a Youth Wellness Hub for RCD youth ages 12-25 will be funded for a Renfrew County location. The Hub will address the needs of youth related to mental health, substance use, education, employment, housing and other community and social services.

The following RCDHU report helped to strategize the needs of youth in RCD:  
2018 Renfrew County Youth Needs Assessment Report--2018-Oct-12

**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, September 16, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**15. Adjournment**

**Resolution: # 4 EC 2021-Jun-17**

A motion by C. Reavie; seconded by C. Watt; be it resolved that the Executive Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Carried

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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Chair

*These meeting minutes were approved by the Executive Committee at the meeting held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.*