

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

MINUTES OF MEETING: BOARD OF HEALTH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

PLACE: BOARD ROOM

CHAIR: MR. J. VIRDIRAMO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. C. Bryson
Mr. T. Fox
Mr. N. Gale
Ms. C. Gillies
Ms. S. Hunt
Ms. M. Harding
Mr. J. MacEachern
Mr. J. Masters
Ms. B. Metzler
Ms. S. Pinner
Mr. E. Rutherford
Ms. L. Rydholm
Mr. J. Virdiramo

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Mr. D. Heath, Chief Executive Officer (A),
Director – Business Administrative Services
and Business Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Allan, Director - Health Protection
Ms. J. Black, Director - Health Promotion
Ms. B. Moro, Executive Assistant to the Medical
Officer of Health/CEO and Secretary to the
Board

REGRETS:

Mr. S. Harasen
Ms. L. Tolmonen

1. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair acknowledged the following regrets:

- Mr. S. Harasen
- Ms. L. Tolmonen

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution No.: 2009 - 111

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Gillies
SECONDED BY: Mr. E. Rutherford

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting to be held on September 15, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATION SESSIONS

4.1 Determinants of Health

Ms. J. Black, Director – Health Promotion and Ms. J. McFarlane, Health Promotion Planner were in attendance, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the workshop as recommended in the presentation, but requested that it be coordinated with the Board of Health meeting in November.

4.2 Street Outreach

Mr. Lee Sieswerda, Epidemiologist was in attendance, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Thunder Bay District Board of Health

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Meeting held on July 15, 2009 (Regular and Closed Session) to be approved.

Resolution No.: 2009 - 112

MOVED BY: Mr. N. Gale
SECONDED BY: Ms. M. Harding

THAT the Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Meetings held on July 15, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.2 Executive Committee

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 29, 2009, for information.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 26, 2009 was presented for approval at an Executive Committee meeting held on September 15, 2009 and presented to the Board for information at the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

7. STANDING REPORTS

7.1 Medical Officer of Health Report

Report No. 61-2009 relative to providing an update to the Board from Dr. S. Graham, Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Resolution No.: 2009 - 113

MOVED BY: Ms. S. Hunt
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. MacEachern

THAT the Board of Health accept the Report of the Medical Officer of Health (A), as presented in Report No. 61-2009.

CARRIED

7.2 Divisional Reports

7.2.1 Health Protection

Report No. 62-2009 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Health Protection Department, for information.

Mr. K. Allan, Director – Health Protection appeared before the Board, gave an overview of his report and responded to questions.

7.2.2 Health Promotion

Report No. 63-2009 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Health Promotion Department, for information.

Ms. J. Black, Director – Health Promotion appeared before the Board, gave an overview of her report and responded to questions.

7. STANDING REPORTS (Continued)

7.2 Divisional Reports (Continued)

7.2.2 Health Promotion (Continued)

Board members were advised that the raw data since 2002, used for determining debt, as requested by Linda Rydholm at the June 16, 2009 Board of Health meeting, could not be provided as it was not sufficiently aggregated and could breach confidentiality.”

**7.2.3 Business Administrative Officer,
Administrative Services and Acting CEO Report**

Report No. 64-2009 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Business Administrative Services Department and CEO's Office, for information.

Attachment A – Budget Approval Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, dated September 4, 2009

Mr. D. Heath, Chief Executive Officer (A) and Director – Administrative Services appeared before the Board, gave an overview of his report and responded to questions.

Resolution No.: 2009 - 114

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Bryson
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

THAT with respect to Report No. 64-2009 we recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care be notified that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit will not be submitting a revised 2009 budget, in which case the Ministry will pay its share of the 2009 original budget request of \$7,716,516.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Nutritious Food Basket

Report No. 60-2009 relative to providing information on the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket in the District of Thunder Bay for 2009 and recommends advocating the government of Ontario to implement poverty reduction strategies to ensure that people have an income that allows them to buy nutritious food.

Attachment A - Description of Nutritious Food Basket Survey

Attachment B – The Cost of Eating Well in the District of Thunder Bay Newsletter was distributed separately with the agenda package.

Attachment C - Nutritious Food Basket Scenario Challenges

8. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

8.1 Nutritious Food Basket (Continued)

Attachment D - 2009 Provincial and National Food Security Advocacy

A copy of a change to the third paragraph of the original resolution was distributed at the meeting.

Resolution No.: 2009 - 116

MOVED BY: Mr. J. MacEachern
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

WHEREAS the cost of eating well for an average family of four in the District of Thunder Bay is \$775.63 per month;

AND WHEREAS, when housing costs and other basic living expenses are considered, many individuals and families receiving Ontario Works assistance, Ontario Disability Support Programs or working in minimum wage jobs do not have an adequate income to purchase nutritious food on a consistent basis;

AND WHEREAS adequate nutrition is essential for proper growth and development as well as a significant factor in preventing many chronic diseases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thunder Bay District Board of Health write to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Children and Youth Services urging the provincial government to proceed with the review of social assistance that was committed to in the Poverty Reduction Strategy;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of the letter be sent to the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, local members of the Provincial Parliament, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), Ontario Boards of Health, the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB), and member municipalities for their support and action.

CARRIED

8.2 Smoke Free Ontario Strategy Funding

Report No. 58-2009 relative to providing the Board of Health with the proposed 2009 Tobacco Control and Tobacco Control Area Network (TCAN) program budgets, funded through the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy.

Attachment #1 - Smoke-Free Ontario Programs Budget Summary

8. **NEW BUSINESS** (Continued)

8.2 Smoke Free Ontario Strategy Funding (Continued)

Attachment #2 – Summary of Full Time Equivalents

Resolution No.: 2009 – 116

MOVED BY: Mr. T. Fox
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Bryson

THAT with respect to Report No. 58 – 2009, we recommend that:

1. the 2009 Smoke-Free Ontario total budget be approved at \$862,962, for submission to the Ministry of Health Promotion;
2. the staffing be set at 6.32 full time equivalents for 2009.

CARRIED

8.3 Review of Amalgamated By-Law and Board of Health Policies – 2009

Memorandum from the Executive Assistant, dated September 9, 2009, relative to the above noted.

Copy of Report No. 53-2009 - Review of Amalgamated By-Law and Board of Health Policies – 2009

Attachment 1 to Report No. 53-2009: Amalgamated By-law Review Chart

Revised Attachment 2 to Report No. 53-2009: Revised Amalgamated By-law was distributed separately with the agenda package.

Attachment 3 to Report No. 53-2009: Policy Review Chart

Resolution No.: 2009 - 117

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Gillies
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Bryson

THAT the Board of Health approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee as contained in Report No. 53-2009 and passed by Resolution No. 2009 – 104 at their August 26, 2009 meeting relative to the annual review of the Board of Health's Amalgamated By-law and Policies

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

8.4 General Insurance Program Renewal

Report No. 57-2009 relative to recommending the renewal of the General Insurance Program for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Resolution No.: 2009 - 118

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Gillies
SECONDED BY: Mr. N. Gale

THAT with respect to Report No. 57 – 2009, we recommend the insurance renewal for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit from Frank Cowan Company Limited effective October 20, 2009 to October 20, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No.: 2009 - 119

MOVED BY: Mr. N. Gale
SECONDED BY: Ms. S. Hunt

THAT the Board of Health meeting held on September 15, 2009, be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Health

Chief Executive Officer (A)

Recording Secretary