

**Windsor-Essex County Board of Health
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
360 Fairview Avenue West, Room C
Essex, ON**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Gary McNamara, Chair	Dr. Ken Blanchette, Vice-Chair (arrived at 4:30 pm)
Mr. Mark Carrick, Treasurer	Mr. Joe Bachetti
Mr. Paul Borrelli	Mr. Richard Meloche
Mr. Rob Modestino	Mr. Hilary Payne
Mr. Gordon Queen	Mr. John Scott
Mr. Ed Sleiman	Ms. Michelle Watters (via phone)

Board Member Regrets:

Mr. Bill Marra	Dr. Carlin Miller
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Administration Present:

Dr. Gary Kirk, Board Secretary	Dr. Wajid Ahmed
Ms. Nicole Dupuis	Ms. Lorie Gregg
Ms. Theresa Marentette	Ms. Kristy McBeth
Dan Sibley	Ms. Lee Anne Damphouse

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 Announcements of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

3.0 Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved, and quorum was officially met.

It was moved

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Regular Board Meeting: March 23, 2017

It was moved

That the meeting minutes presented be approved.

CARRIED

5.0 Presentations: Opioid Misuse Windsor-Essex

5.1 Opioid Misuse in Windsor-Essex, Dr. Wajid Ahmed, Associate Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Wajid Ahmed provided a presentation to the Board on Opioid Misuse in Windsor-Essex and the harm associated. Opioids are a family of drugs primarily prescribed when other medications prove ineffective, and act on the nervous system to relieve pain. Some of these drugs are known as Oxycontin, Vicodin, Codeine, Morphine and

Fentanyl, as well as illegal drugs such as heroin. Opioid related emergency room visits, hospitalization and deaths are higher in Windsor-Essex compared to other areas of Ontario and the country, and the trend continues to increase. There were 43 related deaths in our region in 2015. We are hoping to obtain updated 2016 data sometime in May 2017.

As a public health unit our scope and mandate differ from treatment centres. Our role focuses primarily around the following:

- Health Assessment and Surveillance
- Health Promotion and Health Protection
- Increasing awareness, i.e., *Patch for Patch Program* and the distribution of Naloxone kits

The WECHU have been in discussions with various community partners (EMS, Police, Windsor Regional Hospital) to share and identify data to understand misuse and to identify high level objectives. Although physicians are aware of the problems that may occur in prescribing opioids, prescriptions move through the OHIP process, and these drugs are being monitored closely by the Ministry.

Negative health consequences and increasing costs to the community in emergency care, law enforcement and substance abuse treatment, is a significant problem and we do not see this issue being resolved quickly or easily.

Note that Ken Blanchette arrives at 4:30 pm

CARRIED

6.0 Consent Agenda

It was moved

That the reports listed on the Consent Agenda as Items 6a) to 6e) be received for information.

CARRIED

7.0 Reports and Questions - None

8.0 Business Arising

8.1 Proposed Standards to Public Health Programs and Services – Response to MOHLTC

Administration provided the Board WECHU's response to the MOHLTC on what we believe to be key concerns on the proposed new Standards. Nicole Dupuis created an original draft document in collaboration with WECHU's Senior Management Team and program managers from various departments. Board members should direct any questions regarding this document to Dr. Gary Kirk.

It was moved

That the Report be accepted for information

CARRIED

9.0 Media Coverage – Circulated

10.0 Board Correspondence – Circulated

11.0 New Business

11.1 Operational Plan Q1 Report (Kristy McBeth)

Kristy McBeth provided a detailed Q1 Report which includes 23 WECHU activities and a preview of Q2. Administration will continue to update the Board with quarterly reports.

It was moved

That the Report be accepted for information

CARRIED

11.2 Resolution for Enhanced Mosquito Surveillance Program (Lorie Gregg)

Administration presented a Resolution recommending that the Board of Health approve the non-competitive procurement of services from Pestalto Environmental Health Services Inc., in the amount of \$45k plus HST, relating to the Enhanced Mosquito Surveillance Program for 2017.

It was moved

That the Board approve

CARRIED

11.3 Thank you Letter from Eleanor Groh (Gary McNamara/Gary Kirk)

Chair Gary McNamara read a thank you note from former Board member, Eleanor Groh, for the plaque presented to her at the March Board meeting in honour of her service and dedication to the Board of Health and the community.

It was moved

That the Board receive

CARRIED

11.4 Project Management Team (Gary Kirk) – New agenda item

Administration advised that the WECHU Project Management Team has a fully executed agreement in place with Colliers Project Leaders Inc. to start the first phase of the capital project. More information will follow.

12.0 Board of Health Resolutions/Letters

12.1 Peterborough Public Health – Letter to Minister Eric Hoskins on The Expert

Panel on Public Health and the Panel's Terms of Reference related to Transparency (Gary Kirk) – To Receive

12.1 Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit – Letters to Ministers Eric Hoskins, Jane Philpott – Tobacco Endgame of Canada (Nicole Dupuis) – To Support

It was moved

That the above be Supported and Received where applicable

CARRIED

13.0 Committee of the Whole (CLOSED SESSION) in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act

It was moved

That the Board move into Committee of the Whole at 4:44 p.m.

CARRIED

It was moved

That the Board move out of Committee of the Whole at 4:58 p.m.

CARRIED

14.0 Next Meeting: At the Call of the Chair or **May 18, 2017 @ 4 p.m., Windsor**

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Medical Officer of Health and CEO
Board Secretary

Chairperson