

Mount Waddington Health Network
Steering Committee Meeting
May 28, 2014
Regional District Office
Port McNeill
9:00 to 12:00
Teleconference: 1 877-577-7710 ID 1900067#

M I N U T E S

1.0 Welcome & Introductions:

Alyson Hagen Johnson (chair)	Barb Park (coordinator)
Heidi Soltau	John Tidbury
Shirley Ackland (recorder)	Alison Mitchell
Gail Neely	Val Eyford
Kelly Amodeo	Brenda Loerke
Helen Gurney	Regrets: Althea Vermaas

2.0 Agenda Approved by – Heidi Soltau / John Tidbury CARRIED

3.0 Minutes of April 23, 2014
Approved as circulated by – Kelly Amodeo / John Tidbury CARRIED

4.0 Correspondence
Barb will circulate the correspondence folder

5.0 Reports: SEBLAC / Youth / Housing / VIHA Reports attached to agenda – received.

5.1 Executive Committee - Alyson Hagan Johnson
Minutes from last meeting included. No Wheels for Wellness face to face meetings with First Nations has occurred. Report is in the package. Bus passes are going up in price – not individual bus tickets. Information is out in paper, etc. BC Transit sets prices – the Transit Committee does not.
Proposal that was submitted to Healthy Communities – Barb completed on behalf of H & H. Althea as Chair of H&H said they are considering hiring a consultant – they will put a proposal together for possible matching funds and bring back to the HN for consideration. We need to discuss and decide what the topic for the next HN forum will be. We talked about access and we discussed having the forum before the VIHA board visits in late September, early October. We talked about possibly having the forum after the VIHA Board visit.
We want to invite the Service Integration Team from VIHA to present at our forum. Heidi said that there is a new committee for the new hospital in Campbell River but we have not been asked to participate. Barb responded that VIHA has sent a letter stating a committee is forming and asked for representation from the MWHN. Once terms of reference are set – an invitation to seek members will follow.

REPORTS CONTINUED . . .

Heidi suggested that the Hospital committee attend a HN Steering committee and inform us about the focus of the committee and its terms of reference. (North Island Hospitals Project).

5.2 SEBLAC – Gail Neely

Nothing specific has been planned for World Elders Abuse Awareness day (June 15) a local group made purple ribbons to wear in recognition. Need to be a better way to get people's attention about this issue. A nutritionist had been set up to attend at SEBLAC and was not able to make it.

Was the decision by Seniors not to go after New Horizons grant money? No proposal that is shelf ready at SEBLAC at this time. New Horizons grant is specifically for seniors and part of the challenge that SEBLAC faces is that there are not many seniors that have the time or experience in writing proposals. We need to figure out how to support SEBLAC to getting a proposal written to help address seniors abuse or another important issue.

Chris Parker did offer to help to get things organized showing how to get to a proposal stage for SEBLAC. July 04 is the deadline for the New Horizons grant.

A society could apply for the grant. When the MWHN applies for the grant there is no one to administer the grant, no one to write the reports, which is why an agency/society needs to back a grant proposal. Gail also said that the Community Response Network (CRN) also has grant monies available and they may be approached for monies for a workshop on Elder Abuse.

If there is a proposal for something on Elder Abuse perhaps you could submit a proposal to New Horizons and CRN to help put this on.

A piece that might be missing – maybe there needs to be a conversation with the subcommittees with the EDs from the various societies in the region. Donna Gault has become involved with the PH Seniors and they are setting up to form a society so this may be an opportune time. Barb will talk with Gail about realistic timeline for a proposal and what society may take this on.

Heidi – I have a question about **Better at Home**. Do we need to advocate for more funds the budget has been cut and the program isn't taking new clients. Currently there is a waiting list. Maybe we need a presentation from Pat – how to move forward, perhaps in connecting with First Nations. (on reserve and off reserve need to access supports)

5.3 Ad Hoc Committee to Recruit a Physical Therapist – Alyson Hagen Johnson

Barb did a lot of research and found that it was not in the region's best interest to have a newly graduated PT for our needs. A PT needs to work with a team of medical professionals and other PTs in order to provide the care that is needed. If there are PTs in Campbell River or Courtenay could a PT not be asked to service MW region? Recruiting is not really the role of the HN. We should bring this issue to the VIHA Board for its consideration with a letter.

Motion to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee and send a letter to the VIHA Board's attention to discuss at our fall meeting – Heidi Soltau/ Helen Gurney

CARRIED

5.4 Housing & Homelessness – Barb Park for Althea Vermaas

Barb wanted to bring forward the changes that the H&H committee has made to its terms of reference. Althea is working on the draft and will bring it forward when complete.

REPORTS CONTINUED . . .

5.5 Addictions Services & W4W – Shirley Ackland

The subcommittee CISRCS put forward a proposal that was declined. We haven't met as the MWARSPC but the CISRCS will meet on June 29. We will report back after our meeting.

5.6 Island Health Report –

Nurse practitioner is now working in Port McNeill.

Bullett #1 – they have a new coordinator for family practice – Dr Dave Whittaker. He could be invited to the Health Network. There is a representation from the division of rural and family practice that is included in our terms of reference.

Local Working Group has to be reconfigured as it is not functioning as it should.

Representation needs to be confirmed and there needs to be a focus on the primary care facility and what that will look like.

There has been a part time PT recruited to the MW region.

5.7 Coordinator's Report – Barb Park

Recommendations on her report are included. The costs of the website are broken down in the communications strategy.

Motion to spend \$100 per year for website hosting/ uploading new material so website remains current / domain name - Shirley Ackland/ Heidi Soltau CARRIED

Two letters that were written from the request at our last HN meeting included in the correspondence file for review.

Motion to Accept All Reports (5.1 – 5.7) – John Tidbury/ Kelly Amodeo CARRIED

6.0 Matters Arising from Previous Agendas

Communications Strategy -

Revisions – done. Go ahead for newspaper columns and go ahead for the newsletter. Need approval for the website and communications strategy as a whole. Great column in the newspaper. Hopefully it will be a regular addition to the Gazette.

Copies should go to the community newsletters – PH, PA, PMc, SO and AB. Seniors all read the local newsletters. Good communication vehicle.

Motion to Approve Communications Strategy as presented– Val Eyford / Brenda Loerke CARRIED

Forum Planning –

Suggested at the executive meeting to go ahead and have the forum after we meet with the VIHA Board. What we want to discuss with the Board we should do so in the same format as we did last fall as it was focused and productive.

We should use the forum to engage the public in what a primary healthcare facility will look like and get some feedback on the services. **Access to services and what does that mean?** We will need to invite VIHA – Service integration means all regional services –

Forum Planning Continued . . .

Police, ambulance, Mental Health, NICCCS, NICS, etc.

It is crucial that the communities in the region come together to see how all services work together and brainstorm best practices.

Agreed that the forum should come after the meeting with the Board. We will set a date later as we know what our plans are.

Location? As the forum topic is about Primary Health Care it should be held either in Port Hardy or Port McNeill as these are the locations of the primary health care facilities.

Perhaps ask if we could hold the forum in one of the high schools. If the forum was intergenerational we could apply to New Horizons for funding.

Good idea to involve the high schools to engage youth. Broad based – opens up the discussion to discuss all of the services – youth emergency, wheels for wellness, transit, ambulance, NICCCS and NICS services, etc.

Website and Facebook could be used for advertising this event.

Contact the high school principals before contacting SD #85

October – Likely date. Ferries could be a challenge – construction and water taxis being used.

7.0 New Business

SEBLAC request for letter to new Seniors' Advocate –

SEBLAC would like to invite the new advocate to our region to realize the remoteness of our communities. Perhaps invite her to the forum in the fall. Could a letter be written to the advocate inviting her to attend the forum in MW and she could provide information on the service she will provide to seniors. Barb will draft the letter.

- 8.0** The next HN Steering committee meeting is scheduled for **9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.**
Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

S Ackland

(Recorder)

(HN Chair)