

Mount Waddington Health Network
Steering Committee Meeting
June 25, 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 (co-Chair)	Barb Park (coordinator)
Wendy White	Val Eyford
Heidi Soltau	Brenda Loerke
Shirley Ackland (recorder)	Althea Vermaas (phone)
Gail Neely	Jamuga Cook (co-Chair)
Kelly Amodeo	Debbie Huddleston
Helen Gurney	
Sandra Waarne	Regrets:
Alison Mitchell	John Tidbury

2.0 Agenda Approved by – Debbie Huddleston / Sandra Waarne CARRIED

**3.0 Minutes of May 28, 2014
Approved as circulated by – Heidi Soltau / Debbie Huddleston CARRIED**

Nimfa Casson – Teacher of Social Justice 12 at NISS presented what her class is about and her want to introduce her students to the social agencies and services in the region. She and her class host a Social Justice Expo each year and she hopes that some of us might also participate so that students learn about services and the social issues within Mount Waddington.

Leslie Dyck presented the Food Security Final report with the six themes she hopes to continue with next year. She has successfully connected with many people throughout the region to share, learn, and expand the knowledge of food initiatives in the region.

4.0 Correspondence

Barb circulated the correspondence folder

4.1 Correspondence from MLA Claire Trevena identifying the BC Standing Committee for Children and Youth. We have been invited to present or to write and identify gaps in service or specific child/youth concerns in our region. Kelly Amodeo will attend MWARSPC meeting and discuss topics to identify.

4.2 Plan H and LIRN BC Call for Expressions of Interest – After discussion it was decided that this was a worthwhile fund for which to apply. Barb will complete the proposal and work with

other members on the committee to submit. There are others on the North Island that will also apply as more than one application can be submitted.

Motion: That the HN support Barb in the pursuit of the potential of applying for the LIRN Grant. Debbie Huddlestan/ Gail Neely CARRIED

4.3 Seniors Advocate – has been identified and we would like to invite her to visit the Mount Waddington region sometime in the fall- perhaps we will manage to have her attend our HN forum. Gail will discuss this at the next SEBLAC meeting and we will add this item to our September HN meeting.

4.4 BC Healthier Communities contract renewal –

Motion: That the HN partner with VIHA for another year to take on the contract renewal for Food Security Heidi Soltau / Sandra Waarne CARRIED

Motion: That the HN hire Leslie Dyck as the MW Food Security Coordinator - contract details to be worked out. Heidi Soltau / Sandra Waarne CARRIED

5.0 Reports: *SEBLAC / Youth / Housing / Addictions/ VIHA Reports attached to agenda*

5.1 **Executive Committee** - Alyson Hagan Johnson

Executive met to discuss continuation of the Food Security contract. There are two positions for seniors to sit on a VIHA committee about housing.

5.2 **SEBLAC** – Gail Neely

Specific examples about lack of home care workers was given. Seems that scheduling could improve. Care workers are scheduled for clients in PH > PMc > PH – a good deal of time is in travel. Some clients aren't being assisted until after 10:30 a.m.

Some seniors believe there is a lack of community nursing visits. Perhaps have the community nurse attend at a SEBLAC meeting to identify when/how clients can access the community nurse and services.

5.3 **Youth Committee** – Kelly Amodeo

Committee met for the first time. There were reps from health and other agencies in attendance. The group identified strengths and needs. The meeting was about one hour long. They are working on the Vision statement and then terms of reference. The next **Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 04 10:30 a.m. at the Old School.**

5.4 **Housing & Homelessness** –Althea Vermaas

The terms of reference for the H&H committee have been updated to include the information that was shared at the Subcommittee chairs orientation and has been distributed for the HN Steering committee's review.

Motion: That the HN adopt the updated Terms of Reference for the Housing and Homelessness Committee as presented Shirley Ackland / Debbie Huddlestan CARRIED

5.5 Addictions Services & W4W – Shirley Ackland

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 – Alison Mitchell

The nurse practitioner is working in Port McNeill. Still recruiting for second. VIHA is now recruiting for a nurse practitioner in Port Hardy as one has left.

Telehealth is growing. We now are using telehealth for geriatrics. Also NICCCS is using telehealth for counseling. Port McNeill doctors are using telehealth for Sointula patients so that these patients don't have to travel via ferry for a medical appointment. Alert Bay also has video connectivity at doctors' office.

Port McNeill clinic really working well with the integrated health services.

Physiotherapist position. To clarify: VIHA provides in-patient physio but does not provide out patient physio. In the past, the logging companies managed to hire a private physio to come to the community. It was suggested that the municipalities take on the challenge of hiring a physio for all outpatient concerns – as it is a private position. Currently, there is a PT that is coming to Port McNeill but has committed to 12 hours per month to work at VIHA.

Lab and diagnostics in Alert Bay is a challenge right now as there is a vacant lab position.

Our region will likely get a 2 year position with ACT team person. This position will be connected to the ACT team in Campbell River but will work in Mount Waddington.

The Ministry has a 500 bed initiative - VIHA put in proposal for 28 beds - 3 beds for detox. Hope to see a community detox proposal. This will be an agenda item for the MWARSPC in its upcoming meeting. Addresses one of the recommendations in the plan.

Local Working Group - division of family practice. Dave Whittaker is the lead.

Family practice comes with funding. Meeting of the LWG tomorrow night. Accomplished many of the high and medium needs. Our discussion will be reinvigorating the committee - Do we still have the right people at the table?

5.7 Coordinator's Report – Barb Park

Report included. Barb found an invoice for an out-of-date website for seniors. We need to ensure it is shut down. mountwaddingtonseniors

Motion to officially discontinue the two website that were created for seniors and pay the invoice of \$162.42 - Sandra Waarne/ Shirley Ackland CARRIED

Motion to Accept All Reports (5.1 – 5.7) – Heidi Soltau/ Gail Neely CARRIED

6.0 Matters Arising from Previous Agendas

Website Update -

Template to add updates is begin distributed.

Forum Planning –

Theme: **ACCESS**

Location: Port Hardy – **PHSS**

Date: **November 05, 2014 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

more planning details at our next meeting

7.0 New Business

Application to HN from H& H committee for matching funds. **(TABLED)**

8.0 The next HN Steering committee meeting is scheduled for **9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27.**
Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

S Ackland

(Recorder)

(HN Chair)