

Mount Waddington Health Network
Steering Committee Meeting
September 24, 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: Barb Park (coordinator)
Alyson Hagen Johnson (co-Chair) Jamuga Cook
Kelly Amodeo (recorder) Tracy Hamilton
Carol Robertson Brenda Loerke (phone)
Gail Neely
Sandra Waarne
Alison Mitchell
Wendy White (phone) Regrets:
Althea Vermaas (phone) John Tidbury
Val Eyford Heidi Soltau
Shirley Ackland
Helen Gurney

2.0 **Agenda Approved by – Waarne / Eyford CARRIED**

Add LIRN correspondence to 5.8

Move 3.1 Financial Report to 5.7 Coordinator's report

3.0 **Minutes of August 27 , 2014**

Approved as circulated by – Vermaas / Neely CARRIED

4.0 Correspondence (action items)

4.1 Correspondence from LIRN re. providing update on Housing First project.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 **Executive Report** – Alyson Hagen Johnson

- Questions about Wheels for Wellness not satisfied
- Sobering Safe Place approved by MWRD- Salvation Army will be looking for partners (377 people referred or self-referred, \$100 each in savings, 247 people not using emergency and \$200 per person savings)
- pleased with timeline and stats
- three de-tox beds still in proposal stage
- proposal for intensive case management team mental disorder and substance issues
- Birthing – issue not resolved. Still working on it
- First Nations Health Authority – Brennan MacDonald has been invited to a future meeting
- we need maintenance money as well as money for projects
- Steering Cmte not invited to meet with Island Health board, just mayors, Drs., Chiefs, nurse practitioners, Alyson and Heidi will go from Steering Cmte

5.2 Island Health Report – Alison Mitchell

- Alison Mitchell to review and advise on questions to Board.
- Regional Health geography has not changed to date – Island Health looking for EDs first
- Rural and Remote Family Practise, Patti Murphy our coordinator, Alyson attending meeting Patti and Dr. Whittaker, shortage of locums discussed, 3 international physicians toured area
- Port Hardy hospital construction is going well. Doors open for clinic in new year.
- Maternity – Kayla from FNHA joint proposal for community based aboriginal nurse to assist FN mothers through pregnancy and birth
- Working on education for local nurses using CR as a resource
- Dr. Duckert – monthly visits (obstetrician)
- Sandra suggests review of high risk criteria, Port McNeill is the hub

Mental Health Substance Use – Intensive care management team proposal will result in more positions– time frame unknown

Local working group – David Whittaker will be lead

Staffing is a struggle – two vacancies in Alert Bay and two pending retirements, Port McNeill two – three vacancies, and Port Hardy one vacancy. Port McNeill two physicians only and Port Hardy three physicians, Lab and x ray resources also very tight

5.3 SEBLAC – Gail Neely

Community Response Network press release – Gail will meet with JR re upcoming events. Keep elder abuse in public radar. Oct 1, National Seniors Day, Nov 1 – 7 BC Crime Prevention Week, Dec 3 Persons with Disabilities, March – fraud prevention month

5.4 Children & Youth Committee – Kelly Amodeo

Kelly and Wendy to collaborate on Occupational Therapy allocated time to school aged children.

Child and youth mental health forum

Kelly had a list-serv developed to better communicate with sub-cmte members

5.5 Housing & Homelessness –Althea Vermaas

MOTION: that Committee approve \$3185 Ready to Rent grant Waarne/Neely CARRIED

Meeting has not occurred recently as proposals need to move forward

Housing First – need to hire contractor to develop business plan. Alyson to e mail name of gentleman in PA who is prepared to assist Val Nash. Will encompass Emergency Weather Shelter since same client group.

Introduction to business plan will include mention of addictions initiatives ie Cormorant Island Treatment facility business plan.

5.6 Addictions Services & W4W – Sandra Waarne

Proposal – three year. First year approved. Cormorant Island Supported Recovery submitting plan in November.

5.7 Coordinator's Report – Barb Park

Seniors advocate touring schedule coming together. Panel may be too VIHA focused. Seniors groups to set up booths? Invite Service BC (Nancy Perkins) Please send Barb additional names and contact information

Motion to Accept All Reports (5.1 – 5.7) – Neely/ Waarne CARRIED

6.1 Matters Arising from Previous Agendas

See discussion under Exec report

**Motion retroactively approve August financial report and current Sept financial report
Neely/Eyford CARRIED**

6.2. Election of Aboriginal Co-Chair – approach Kelly Speck and Sharon Gordon, Namgis Band Council members, possible candidates. Barb suggests using current pamphlet. If election/appointment not complete by forum date we are in the process.

Barb approved to book hall, caterer, gifts for forum. Will report expenditures at next meeting for further approval. Waarne/Eyford CARRIED

Discussion re which Chiefs should open the forum – Civic Centre on shared area. Jamuga will advise after receiving advice.

Can the Gazette print more Seniors Guides – Barb will get a quote (2012 version)

7.0 New Business

Pat Horgan – Public Patient Advisory Cmte looking for volunteers to sit on Cmte. More info available at the Island Health web site. Sandra is interested and promises to report to MWHN.

8.0 The next HN Steering committee meeting is scheduled for **Oct 22, 2014**

Meeting Adjourned at 11.:55 pm –Hamilton/Waarne

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Amodeo
(Recorder)

(HN Chair)