

Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council Meeting Minutes (Public)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Goga Cho, 2nd Floor Boardroom (4916 47 Street)

Teleconference: 1 647 556 5305 | Code: 13371256#

Video: <https://my.telemerge.ca/meet/13371256>

Mission: Working with people to optimize wellbeing through the provision of collaborative and culturally appropriate health and social service

Vision: Healthy People, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

Values: Collaboration Accountability Integrity Respect

Attendance:

- x **Nancy Trotter**
- R **Liz Liske**
- x **Nancy Cymbalisky**
- x **Liliana Canadic, COO**
- x **Michelle MacDonald, EA – Minutes**
- x **Brandie Miersch (via phone)**
- x **Marie Speakman**
- x **Gilbert Langsi**
- x **Katey Simmons**

Guests:

Dr. David Pontin, MD, Area Medical Director – YK Region

#	Item
1.0	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.
2.0	Reflection / Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer was led by Marie.
3.0	Welcome & Introductions <i>Acknowledgement of traditional territory</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy started the meeting with introductions and Liliana provided safety instructions.
4.0	Guest Speaker: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update – Dr. David Pontin, MD, Area Medical Director – YK Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Pontin provided an updated on COVID-19. • A member questioned if isolation is shortened now with faster testing. Dr.

	<p>Pontin stated that at this time isolation is still 14 days. Also if someone does a COVID swab without history of travel or been in contact with a COVID positive patient, they don't need 14 days of isolation if results are negative and symptoms improve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member questioned if symptoms are require to receive COVID swab. Dr. Pontin stated that symptoms need to be present. • A member questioned testing results of Day 0 vs Day 7 that if no symptoms appear until Day 7. Dr. Pontin stated that this is being discussed with the Chief Public Health Office. • A member questioned contract tracing and the impact of self-isolation on holidays. Dr. Pontin stated that contact tracing is a big portion of what PH does. At this time there is no change with the 14 days of isolation. • A member shared a situation where people are not self-isolating which is putting the whole community at risk. Dr. Pontin suggested that the member provide more information which Liliana can pass on to the Chief Public Health Office. • A member questioned the exemptions for travel and isolation. Dr. Pontin stated that the Chief Pubic Health Office can force a patient to stay in hospital. He suggested that Kami Kandola or Andy Delli Pizzi could provide specifics. • A member questioned concerns about those in isolation at Chateau Nova which as bed bugs. Dr. Pontin stated that in the media it was said that the hotel is dealing with it. • A member questioned the way COVID spreads via droplet or airborne and the difference it makes with masking. Dr. Pontin stated that it is a controversy but it is still being treated as a droplet pathogen. • A member questioned if a rapid testing machine was in any of the communities. Dr. Pontin confirmed that the machines are only in Yellowknife but stated that the results are still faster coming from Yellowknife than Alberta. Nancy noted from the August Leadership Council meeting, CEO and Deputy Minister report, GeneXpert testing equipment will be in place in Inuvik Regional Hospital and Hay River is being assessed as a testing site. • A member suggested that communication about rapid testing be sent out to the communities. Dr. Pontin stated that this can be elevated to the Territorial Health Authority. • A member asked when the rapid testing began. Dr. Pontin answered that this testing was started this week with two machines operational that can provide 2,000 results/week. • A member questioned what was happening for Halloween. Dr. Pontin stated that guidelines should be coming from the Chief Public Health Office by October 1st.
<p>4.1 Additional Agenda Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy deferred #11 as the next Leadership Meeting is not until November. This will be replaced with a short in-camera session.

	<p>4.2 Approval of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve by Liz, Katie seconded. All in favour.
	<p>4.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No conflicts were declared
5.0	<p>Previous Meeting Minutes - Review and Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the June 25, 2020 minutes moved by Katie, seconded by Marie. All in favour.
6.0	Business Arising
7.0	New Business
	<p>7.1 Review Draft Plan for the coming year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy provided background to all the members on plans from last year and which topics were missed. • It was agreed to continue to meet at the same frequency of 8 times a year (no meeting in Dec, March, June and July). The NTSSA Annual General Meetings is held in August. • Nancy reviewed the draft plan for the upcoming year and topics to be covered. • A member requested a short 15 minute brainstorming session at the next meeting on ways to engage the public (Orientation Meeting on October7)
	<p>7.2 Łútsël K'é</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered under agenda item #11.
	<p>7.3 New Members Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members are invited to orientation on October 7 from 4:30-6:30 in the Goga Cho 2nd Floor Boardroom. • Nancy introduced Allen Stanzell, Senior Advisor Governance for NTHSSA who called in to the meeting. • Nancy provided members with posters, pamphlets and postcards that can be provided to the public on the role of the RWC. Members expressed concern that the poster is too wordy which will be taken to the next Leadership Council.
8.0	<p>Chairperson Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy reviewed her report which included the CEO Report and the Deputy Minister Report. Members are welcome to review Nancy's binder from Leadership Council.
9.0	<p>COO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liliana reviewed her report and offered to have a presentation provided on the NTHSSA Pandemic Plan that was released to the public. • A member questioned the plan with Stanton Legacy. Liliana provided a brief review of what services will be available in the building. A member suggested

	<p>that the building should be given an indigenous name.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member questioned dental benefits for those in communities and those who qualify. Liliana was not able to provide that information. • A member questioned the Child & Youth Care Counselors (CYCC) selection committee. Liliana provided information on how the decisions were made for placement of CYCC in schools and the challenges that have occurred. A member asked about flu clinics. Liliana confirmed that flu clinics will start the last week in October at the multiplex and Public Health will have regular clinics as well. Walk-in appointments are not available. Nancy encouraged good communication as there was feedback from last year that some seniors did not know the date of the flu clinic at the Baker Centre.
10.0	<p>Roundtable Updates- Community activities, questions and concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member questioned when the social worker will be hired for their community. Liliana will need to get information from the Director of Child & Family Services and provide back to the member.
11.0	<p>In Camera Session</p> <p>Motion to move into the in-camera session by Liz, Gilbert seconded.</p> <p>Motion to come out of the in-camera session by Liz, Marie seconded.</p>
12.0	<p>Closing Reflections / Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing prayer led by Marie.
13.0	<p>Motion to Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn by Gilbert and seconded by Nancy. All in favour.