

Wednesday, November 9, 2021

Regional Wellness Council Meeting Minutes

#	Item	Details	Time	Responsibility
1.0	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6:10 p.m. 		RWC Chairperson
2.0	Reflection / Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 		Chairperson
3.0	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Attendance: Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Don Webb ○ Ms. Lynda B. Martin ○ Ms. Phyllis Mawdsley ○ Ms. Lorraine Tordiff ○ Ms. Gloria Villebrun ○ Mr. Lloyd Jones (Teleconference) Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COO – Ms. Sujata Ganguli ○ Senior Advisor Governance - Mr. Allen Stanzell ○ Executive Assistant – Ms. Rohma Nawaz 		Executive Assistant
4.0	Approval of the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved by: Ms. Lorraine Tordiff ○ Seconded by: Ms. Lynda B. Martin ○ That the agenda be approved as presentation. 		Chairperson
5.0	Documentation Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Documents were distributed for signing. 		EA
6.0	Orientation Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation presented was reviewed by Mr. Allen Stanzell. ○ Member noted a lack of clarity regarding social services and inquired regarding statistics for this specifically, and by region. ○ Mr. Stanzell suggested a presentation by Ms. Nathalie Nadeau, Executive Director, Child, Family and Community Wellness for the next RWC meeting. He noted that there is a quality improvement plan in place for her division. 		
7.0	Previous Meeting Minutes - Review and Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes were reviewed and will be re-drafted. 		Chairperson

8.0	Business Arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member inquired if funding for geriatric social worker was approved. COO noted that there has been some information regarding this, and a meeting is set up for potential available funding. This new role may need to be shared between elders and other areas. ○ Noted that Mental Health and Addictions department is not well staffed at the moment. Hoping to fill these positions quickly. ○ Well-staffed in rehab with SLP and OT. ○ No NPs. Holistic wellness advisor is still vacant. Chair inquired if holistic wellness advisor will work with Northern Lights Special Care Home. COO advised that the main responsibility is to Primary Care and Acute Care, so service to residents may be limited. 		
9.0	Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meetings from January – May and then readdress. ○ 3rd Wednesday of the month 3 – 5 p.m. Next meeting on January 19th 3 – 5. 		
10.0	COVID 19 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No covid cases at the moment. ○ Working on getting 3rd booster and flu shot available for the community. ○ There is a website that has all our data for NWT. The last update showed we are at 17% unvaccinated, 79% fully and the remainder partially. ○ Member inquired if NWT will be issuing vaccination cards. ○ COO noted that currently there is a paper proof of vaccination document. Canada is looking to move towards one standard card. Doubtful that territory is working on something on its own. ○ Our primary care clinic was working very hard on contact tracing. Tested about 80 + people this 		COO

		<p>week. This is difficult for the staff to maintain and still keep up with clinic duties. There have been complaints from people around not being able to get appointments which are probably related.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member noted concerns regarding lack of communication about the number of cases. COO indicated that this information was available on the NWT COVID-19 dashboard found at https://nwt-covid.shinyapps.io ○ COO expressed concern that the mental health and addictions services may not meeting community expectation. Even when all positions are filled it is very difficult for staff to respond to requests for as needed, when needed support with the current staffing levels. She noted that she will be advocating to get additional mental health resources for the community and hoped the WC would support this. Chair requested a rationale for this. ○ Chair requested the organization of a presentation from Nathalie Nadeau for the January meeting. ○ COO mentioned that there is equipment that needs replacement. ○ COO advised that there is a lack of office space at the Health Centre. ○ It was noted that locum shortage is ongoing. 		
11.0	Chairpersons Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair welcomed all. ○ Chair noted that there is an AGM for Health and Social Service on November 30th in Yellowknife and an upcoming Leadership Council meeting. 		
12.0	RWC Member Observations and Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member noted that there are issues not been addressed in this meeting but looking forward to addressing them at future meetings. Expressed concerns regarding grassroots 		

		<p>information reaching the upper echelons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member expressed excitement regarding joining and helping the community. They mentioned that they believe that the community has always had excellent service. ○ Member noted that they have heard a number of similar complaints from community members and hopes that those may be addressed in future meetings to determine common themes. 		
13.0	Decision Items and Recommendations to the NTHSSA Leadership Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hiring and support of physicians. ○ Space for staff at the Fort Smith Health Centre. ○ Mental Health and Addictions department support to be discussed further between Chair and COO. 		
14.0	Action Items Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment and retention support for Fort Smith Region. ○ Space for employees in the Fort Smith Health Centre. ○ Proof of vaccination submission. ○ Next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021. ○ Next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for early December. 		
15.0	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved By: Ms. Lorraine Tordiff. ○ Seconded By: Mr. Don Webb. ○ Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m. 		