

MINUTES

Thursday September 18, 2019
6 – 9pm
Goga Cho, 2nd Floor Boardroom

Vision: Healthy People, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

Values: Collaboration Accountability Integrity Respect

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

Tour & Presentation at the Indigenous Wellness Centre (off-site) 13:30 (4 members attended)

Attendance

- ✓ **Nancy Trotter**
- ✓ **Liz Liske**
- ✓ **Karen Hamre**
- ✓ **Liliana Canadic, COO**
- ✓ **Michelle MacDonald, EA – Minutes**
- ✓ **Melanie Murphy, Senior Advisor Governance**
- R **Brandie Miersch**
- ✓ **Marie Speakman**
- ✓ **Emelie Saunders**
- ✓ **Katey Simmons**

#	Item
1.0	Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Nancy Trotter
2.0	Reflection / Prayer Emelie opened the meeting with a prayer.
3.0	Welcome & Introductions <i>Acknowledgement of Chief Drygeese traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene.</i> Nancy welcomed all members to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves with the addition of a new council member. Liliana did a quick safety review of the building and evacuation process.
4.0	Additional Agenda Items No additional agenda items
	4.1 Approval of the Agenda Karen moved to approve the agenda, Emelie second. All in favour.
	4.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest No conflicts were declared.

5.0	<p>Previous Meeting Minutes - Review and Approval</p> <p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Add title to Melanie Murphy’s name ✓ Change “Lilian explained the budget..” to “Liliana will look into and explain the budget for community visits” ✓ Spell out CFS to Child & Family Services ✓ Add “Karen suggested seniors” under Community Engagements presentations ✓ 10.0 – remove line about formal program ✓ Correct line to “need integration between the activities under the adoption legislation and foster care legislation” under discussion with Glen Abernathy <p>Karen moved to approve the minutes with changes, Liz second.</p>
6.0	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>6.1 Draft plan for the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the rough draft “Activity Plan” handout and the process of engagement for the year • In the previous meeting it was mentioned that the RWC would meet 10 times a year, this plan suggests 8 times • Nancy and Liliana met twice to build the draft plan. Members are invited to provide suggestions, edits and feedback (draft #2 will be circulated with the minutes) • Discussion about community visit structure, the need for a facilitator, presentations on topics, engagement with the community using indicators that the authority is looking for feedback on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood development, child & family services, mental health & addictions, chronic disease, seniors and elders • Liz shared about an exercise of using sticky notes as indicators that help provide collective community feedback • Nancy to send letter to Lutselk’e tomorrow to start planning the next meeting – date to be confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emelie suggested discussing the visit beforehand with the SAO to decide which would be the best option - public meeting or with Chief and Council • Possible format: RWC meeting from 9-11, RWC + Chief & Council from 12-1 and a public meeting from 2-4 • Arrival time is 9am, leave by 4:30pm • Discussion about hall costs, proposed plans, budget and partnerships • Karen suggested moving the May topic to November, i.e., having two sessions on youth • November date not confirmed, potential to move to November 21st instead of 18th • Discussion about January meeting to be in Dettah & N’Dilo with ice road open for accessibility • Aim for once a year in Fort Resolution and once a year in Lutselk’e • Reviewed recent NTHSSA AGM and discussed the lack of appeal to attend and that future AGM’s need an appealing public portion at the same time. Liliana to take this feedback forward to Leadership • Potentially alternating meetings between day and evening. Resources available for video conferencing and teleconference <p>Action: Nancy to confirm date of doctor’s charter into Lutselke in October Action: Liliana to take feedback from NTHSSA AGM forward to leadership</p>
	<p>6.2 Stanton Volunteer Program update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available in Nancy’s report
7.0	<p>New Business</p>
	<p>7.1. RWC Handbook Review</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy emailed out the handbook back in July and Karen provided comments • Discussed content issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 – asked for chart to be in plain language • 4.3.1 – number of meeting times contradicts other parts in the handbook. The expectations for frequency of meetings are not clear.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.3.2 – with the year planned out, we should inform public of meetings through the City of Yellowknife calendar, post on the NTHSSA website, advertise through the school (Katey), Facebook. Get advice from the NTHSSA Communications team. Possible locations include: NUP and a school gymnasium. Discussion about presentations and collaborating with education and other groups such as the Women’s Society, Status of Women, etc. • 4.3.3 – minutes and agendas are posted on the NTHSSA website (website has been rebuilt and the RWC page is currently unavailable but is being worked on). • 6.0 – Should say “region” instead of “area”. Important reminder that we come together for the benefit of the whole region. • 6.1.A – Unclear regarding expectations of whether members need to be seeking out information; should show that members are provided information to comment on • 7.2.5 – Discussion about respecting the consensus of the group and taking off our “professional hats”. Decided that wording for this point is fine. • 7.3 “Before Meetings” – 10 days in advance so council members can perform functions properly and be prepared. • 7.3 “Before Meetings” (3rd bullet) – wording sounds vague. Perhaps change to “healthy relationship and open communication”. • 7.3 “After Regular and Special Meetings” – Discussion about what the guidelines mean and difficulty “assigning” something to a council member. • 7.5 “Meeting Schedule” – Clarification needed throughout the document and the section may need to be removed as this should be up to the committees to set the timing of meetings • 7.5 “Meeting Minutes – circulated within 10 days of meeting so corrections can be completed before the next meeting • This is the first revision of the handbook since it was sent out to all regions • Unclear who developed the handbook and Liliana can find out. • Leadership Council recently signed a code of conduct back in June. Marie stated that the language of “Code of Conduct” is Colonialism and that we all come with gifts and experiences. Strengths and knowledge of the needs of the people in the north is important. • There should be a chance to review the handbook in the future • Discussion about the appointment council members and the commitment required for community travel, frequency and time of meetings • Comments will be forwarded on to Leadership Council and further comments are to be sent to Nancy.
	<p>7.2. Chairperson Report</p>
	<p>Report was sent out last Friday Nancy highlighted the following from her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leadership council has formed 3 committees, HR, finance and Quality committee. • During the Leadership council meeting in Fort Simpson there was a viewing of the video “Falling through the Cracks” (which is showing this Sunday in Yellowknife with the family present). Nancy encouraged those in Yellowknife to attend. • The Leadership Council is listening to what is being brought forward and the information is being passed on to the Department (DHSS) and Authority (NTHSSA). • Update on the Stanton Territorial Hospital Volunteer program – Research is being conducted on the possibilities of this program. It will be coming back for discussion at the November Leadership council meeting. • The Leadership Council requested the Shingles vaccine be offered free to NWT residents. An update will be provided at the November meeting. • Nancy reviewed the letter from the City of Yellowknife and the response from Jim Antoine. Both letters were circulated to RWC members by email prior to the meeting. • Nancy reminded members that the binders of information are available for review • There was a question on Medical Detox – Liliana is not aware of this service and will follow up <p>Action Item: Liliana to follow-up about medical detox service</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>COO YK Region Activity Update</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liliana reviewed the COO report which included updates on key initiatives, policy changes,

	<p>operational updates and public engagement activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about RWC formally recommending CHR for Dettah & N'dilo - deferred to the next meeting • Lilian reviewed the Ethics Framework Guide and Quality Improvement and Safety Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen brought forward the issue that none of the indicators are about support; also all indicators in the Safe Care goal, though it includes cultural safety, are medical indicators • Discussion about the purpose of indicators to show progress and the lack of data showing harm reduction or rate of relapses from addiction treatments and chronic diseases. • Katey spoke about issues with OT referrals (i.e., indicator of # of patients compared to referrals doesn't address those not getting referrals), the impact on her student's development and the screening treatments in the community • Liz discussed the importance of language, understanding Indigenous health as it can't be mirrored in Western health, the Dene language being missing left out in foster care. There are assumptions made about health without understanding the language. • Emelie spoke about the lack of Dene exposure to children in foster care, the loss of Satu regional language through the residential school system. Important to utilize fluent speakers and that foster care children should be part of activities such as drum dance and Dene hand games. • Though the Quality Improvement and Safety Plan is labelled as "final" these concerns should be brought forward to NTHSSA <p>Action: RWC formally recommending CHR for Dettah & N'dilo</p>
9.0	<p>Roundtable Updates- Community activities, questions and concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emelie shared community activities in Lutselk'e. Lots of complaints and pain in the community – hoping to have a grief workshop soon. Emelie attended an Elders conference in Edmonton and is attending another even in Montreal soon. • Marie shared her concerns about detox centre, seniors issues (housing), medical travel difficulties and being an advocate for access to information. • Liz shared about a recent suicide and mental health in the community, recent elections and what she has learned in the language revitalization program. • Katey shared her reasons for wanting to be a RWC member especially for children from the communities that are coming into the schools. • Karen encourages all members that during election time to talk about health issues. • Discussion about the hospital fence graffiti, Legacy Stanton for public or private long-term care and the medical travel policy <p>Action: Nancy will forward on the medical travel policy as soon as she has more information</p>
10.0	<p>RWC Outstanding Action Items</p> <p>Deferred.</p>
11.0	<p>RWC Report to Leadership Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate and bring to October meeting.
12.0	<p>Closing Reflections / Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy thanked everyone for their time. • Emelie lead the closing prayer
13.0	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9pm.</p>