

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS, THE COUNTY OF ELGIN,
AND THE ST. THOMAS-ELGIN GENERAL HOSPITAL
HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE ROOM # 309, CITY HALL

APRIL 14, 2015

3:05 p.m. The meeting convened with Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, presiding.

Attendance

Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, County of Elgin
Councillor S. Wookey, City of St. Thomas
Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, CAO/Clerk, City of St. Thomas
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk

Absent

Dr. N. Whitmore, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2015 were confirmed as circulated.

Activity Report of the Health Recruiter

Ms. Fish presented the members with her activity report for the months of March and April, 2015.

The members asked for an update on the status of agreements between the Partnership, Hospital and Dr. Haruta.

Mr. Graves advised that the agreements between the City-County and the hospital had been drafted though not yet executed. To date, no funding had changed hands. He further clarified that the Partnership did not have any agreements in place with Dr. Haruta. Any commitments between Dr. Haruta and the hospital were private arrangements between those two parties.

Dr. Haruta's medical centre project was still progressing through the City's planning process and indications were that it would proceed regardless of the proposed partnership with the hospital.

The members discussed the benefits of an informal discussion with Dr. Whitmore to determine the status of the hospitals proposal for Dr. Haruta's centre.

Dr. Scott inquired if Dr. Caria had provided any reason for her decision to not take over Dr. Hofhuis' practice. She stated that if Dr. Caria was willing to participate in a short interview, the Partnership may be able to gather some good information on the kind of factors affecting recruitment to the area.

The members inquired if Ms. Fish had any further updates from Health Force Ontario on the status of reforms being considered by the Province.

Ms. Fish advised that Jane Tillman from HFO and Dr. Shacter from the Southwest LHIN would be working on getting clarification on the Province's definitions of "underserved, high needs area, etc" and how those definitions would apply to municipalities in the LHIN. It was hoped that some of these answers would be available by early May.

Medical Discovery Week

Ms. Fish advised that Medical Discovery Week was being held one week earlier than in previous years. This year, the event was planned for the week of May 25th-28th.

The members agreed that as in previous years, the Partnership would host a informal reception at GT's on the Beach in Port Stanley. That reception would be planned for Tuesday, May 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Fish stated that she would again this year assemble welcome packages to be provided to participants in their rooms upon arrival.

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Health Recruited Contract Renewal

The members inquired about the status of the contract renewal for the Health Recruiter position.

Mr. Graves advised that a renewed contract had been signed with Ms. Fish and that it would now be sent to Council for approval.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.