

**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 26, 2016

7:30 a.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 (Departed 8:05 a.m.)
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association
Dr. N. Whitmore, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital

Approval of Minutes - March 8, 2016

The members confirmed the minutes as presented.

Activity Report and Recruitment Projects - Health Recruiter

Ms. Fish presented her report for the months of March and April, 2016.

Update - Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic

Mr. McDonald and Ms. Fish had participated in a teleconference with representatives from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care regarding Nurse Practitioner led clinics.

The Ministry had indicated that no new clinics were likely to be approved at this time. Expansion to existing clinics through the opening of satellite locations may be considered.

Ms. Fish stated that a clinic existed in Ingersoll and that it seemed geared to the delivery of primary care.

The members discussed the process for obtaining approval to partner with the Ingersoll clinic including the development of a needs assessment and proposal.

The Chair inquired if partnering in a clinic would affect the high needs area designation.

The members agreed to request a meeting with representatives of the Ingersoll clinic to investigate further development of a partnership or establishment of a satellite office.

Correspondence - Township of Warwick

The members were in receipt of a resolution from the Township of Warwick requesting the reinstatement of Provincial incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas.

The Chair stated that he would be interested in receiving some more information on the request such as what specific incentives the Township of Warwick was asking to be reinstated.

Ms. Fish stated that she would contact the municipality and request some further clarification.

Dr. Haruta - Funding Request - Radiologist

The members were in receipt of a request from Dr. Haruta to consider partnership funding for a Radiologist position similar to what was offered for a Physician or Nurse Practitioner.

The members discussed the many different types of medically related professions and how agreeing to this request could set a precedent for other similar requests.

The members agreed to decline this request.

Discovery Week

Ms. Fish advised that discovery week was being planned for the week of May 30th, 2016. She suggested that the Partnership limit its participation to hosting a social event in Port Stanley as

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had been done in previous years and facilitating medical students attending local secondary schools.

The members agreed to the Ms. Fish's suggestions.

Doctor's Day - May 2nd, 2016

The members agreed to recognize Dr. Bryans and Dr. Richter this year for Doctor's Day on May 2nd, 2016

Health Recruiter Meeting with Public Health

Ms. Fish advised that she had met with Dr. Locke and Ms. St. John from Elgin St. Thomas Public Health.

Public Health was seeking assistance with communicating with solo practitioners and access to some of the Partnership's records.

Ms. Fish stated that she had agreed to maintain regular contact with the Health Unit in future.

Health Recruiter Meetings with Local Councils

Mr. McDonald advised that he and Warden Wiehle had recently toured lower tier municipalities providing updates on the Counties activities to each Council. One of the most frequently asked questions arising from those meetings was in relation to Health Recruitment efforts. He suggested that Ms. Fish extend an invitation to the lower tier municipalities to provide an update on the partnership's activities to each Council.

The members agreed to the updates noting that each municipality was represented on the Partnership through the County rather than on a one on one basis.

Unfinished Business

Francis Osih

Mr. Graves advised that no further correspondence had been received from Mr. Osih. This item will remain as unfinished.

Next Meeting

To be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.