

**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

MAY 31, 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
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association
Dr. N. Whitmore, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital

Approval of Minutes - April 26, 2016

The members confirmed the minutes as presented.

Report of the Health Recruiter

Ms. Fish presented her report for the month of May.

Medical discovery week was underway. 12 students were participating and the reception at GTs would be held that evening.

The Chair inquired if the Partnership could do anything further to encourage someone to practice beyond the relatively short term of a locum placement.

Ms. Fish stated that the trend was for new grads to provide locum coverage until they found a location and/or situation that suited their needs.

Update: Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic

Ms. Fish stated that no further updates had been received relating to this item.

Mr. Graves suggested that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Health at the upcoming AMO conference in August.

The members agreed to request the deputation at the AMO conference.

Elmdale Medical Centre

Mr. Graves advised that Dr. Haruta had been approved by the partnership for 6 physician positions at his new medical centre. Four physicians have signed on to date with Dr. Melissa Tenbergen acting as the lead.

Mr. Graves stated that the four physicians signed on at the Centre would prefer to enter into agreements on an individual basis with the Partnership. He suggested that the agreement with Dr. Haruta for the full 6 spaces be rescinded and that four spaces be dedicated to individual incoming physicians at the centre.

Moved by C. McWilliam - S. Wookey:

THAT: The existing physician funding agreement with Dr. Derek Haruta be rescinded and that new agreements be entered into with each participating physician upon receipt of confirmation from the affected parties.

Carried.

Funding Request - Dr. Chamberlain Ajogwu

The members were informed that Dr. Ajogwu was new to the area and had applied to join the FHO at the Bridge Medical Centre in Port Stanley.

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The members were in receipt of correspondence from Dr. Ajogwu requesting funding for one position.

Moved by S. Wookey - C. McWilliam:

THAT: The request from Dr. Chamberlain Ajogwu for \$33,000 in funding for 1 physician position be approved.

Carried.

Unfinished Business

Francis Osih

Mr. Graves advised that the City's solicitor would be providing correspondence to Mr. Osih.

The members noted that Mr. Osih had received \$63,000 in funding and that under the terms of his agreement, there was still time for Mr. Osih to fulfill his obligations.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.