

**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 # 204, CITY HALL

April 11, 2017

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
Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association
Dr. W. Chehadi, St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk, City of St. Thomas

Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2017

The members confirmed the minutes as presented.

Activity Report and Recruitment Projects - Cheryl Fish

The members were provided with the Health Recruiter's Activity Report for the Months of February and March, 2017.

Ms. Fish provided the members with an update on efforts to develop and/or participate in an orientation program for new physicians. A survey had been sent to Dr. Bezuidenhout to gather feedback on his recent orientation meetings.

Dr. Scott suggested that an interview with Dr. Bezuidenhout may be beneficial once his practice was more established.

Nominate a Physician

The members were in receipt of a notice from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario regarding nominations for the 2017 Council Award.

Dr. Scott stated that letters of support from existing physicians had been required to accompany nominations in the past.

The members agreed to forward the item to the Elgin Medical Association and the Elgin-St. Thomas General Hospital for their consideration.

Medical Discovery Week

The members were informed that Medical Discovery Week would be May 29th to June 1st, 2017. Participation in St. Thomas-Elgin was being coordinated through Ms. Kimberly Boughner at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

The members agreed to host a social for participants at GT's on the Beach in Port Stanley on May 30th or 31st depending on availability.

Funding Request - Dr. Bezuidenhout

Mr. Graves advised that Dr. Bezuidenhout has requested partnership funding for one physician position. It is anticipated the funding would be used to update his medical office.

Moved by Coun. Wookey - Dr. Scott:

THAT: Funding of \$33,000 for one physician position be recommended for the request received from Dr. Kenneth Bezuidenhout subject to the execution of an agreement with Dr. Bezuidenhout.

Unfinished Business

Francis Osih

The members were in receipt of correspondence from Mr. Osih regarding the status of the forgivable loan he received from the partnership in the amount \$62,500. Mr. Osih was requesting forgiveness of the loan based on a claim of recruitment of three physicians to the area.

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The members noted that the Sunset Medical Centre was non operational at this time. If the three physicians named, one was a new primary care physician to the area who continues to practice at a different location.

The members agreed to seek further clarification on the recruitment circumstances of Dr. Olorunsola but that at this time, the terms of the funding agreement with Mr. Osih remain.

Other Business

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital

Dr. Chehadi anticipated that three new internists may be recruited to the hospital in the summer. The Partnership would be kept updated as plans developed. A request may be forthcoming relating to this recruitment in the future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.