

HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM # 304, CITY HALL

APRIL 24, 2018

7:33 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 at 8:01 a.m.)
Dr. K. Scott, Sub-Region Clinical lead (Elgin) SouthWest LHIN
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Julie Gonyou, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Jon Hindley, Corporate Customer Service Assistant, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Dr. W. Chehadi, St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital

MINUTES

The members confirmed the minutes of February 13, 2018 as presented.

Activity Report and Recruitment Projects - Cheryl Fish

The members were provided with the Health Recruiter's Activity Report for the month of March, 2018.

Ms. Fish advised that planning is well underway for Discovery Week, taking place May 28th to 31st, 2018, and that reservations have been confirmed with G. T.'s in Port Stanley for dinner on May 29th, 2018.

Ms. Fish advised that she had received several requests from physicians' offices looking for qualified office staff and that she has reached out to Westervelt College in London to review partnership opportunities to help connect physicians with graduates.

The members discussed the differences between medical office administration programs and registered practical nursing programs.

Ms. Fish advised that the social event on March 11th, 2018 at the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre had lower attendance than anticipated but that more discussion could take place prior to future events being planned.

Ms. Fish advised that an orientation session had taken place on March 27th, 2018 with six physicians from the Elmdale Health Centre.

Request for Funds – Dr. Brendan Boyd

The City Manager advised that Dr. Boyd was taking over Dr. Keenleyside's practice in Port Stanley and was requesting funds.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Dr. Scott:

THAT: Funding of \$33,000 for one physician position be recommended for the request received from Dr. Brendan Boyd subject to approval from St. Thomas Council, and the execution of an agreement with Dr. Boyd.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Health Care Connect

Dr. Scott discussed the Health Care Connect program, which allows patients to register online or by phone to find a family physician. The program, which is funded by the provincial government, gets information from the patient and classifies the patient as regular or complex/vulnerable. The connector, who works out of the SouthWest Local Health Integration Network office, then connects patients to doctors.

Dr. Scott advised that there are 160 individuals on the list from Elgin County.

Dr. Scott advised that the program is going through some changes and that it has not always been well advertised. She further advised that no referrals had been made to the Central Community Health Centre, even though it has a capacity for approximately 1000 more patients.

The members discussed advertising on the County and City websites, and the potential for the hospital to provide the information when someone advises that he/she does not have a family physician.

Councillor Wookey advised that the program could be discussed at Council and advertised on social media.

Physician Orientation Feedback

Ms. Fish advised that she had received feedback from the last orientation session and that 100% of respondents left the session with better knowledge of the local community resources.

The CAO advised that there had been a high level of engagement at the session, with many questions asked of the presenters.

Ms. Fish advised that there were a number of newer doctors in the area and that there may be another orientation session organised in the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in Committee Room #304, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.