



Wasauksing Health Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
1:00pm-4:00pm
Wasauksing Administration Meeting Room

Community Committee Members:

Pazhe Rice;
Dora Tabobandung;
Elizabeth Taylor

Staff Resources:

Deborah Pegahmagabow, Director of Health;
Karine Boucher, Registered Dietitian;
Audrey-Anna Colson, Student

Recorder:

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow, Health Bookkeeper

Regrets:

Brent Tabobandung, Chief Councillor;
Lisa Tabobandung;
Christina Vasiliou

Opening Prayer – Dora Tabobandung

Meeting called to order – 1:28pm

1. Agenda- Review and Acceptance

Agenda not provided.

2. Minutes- Review and Acceptance

No minutes to carry over from previous meeting.

Action Item: Rachel to send out a Poll- what time works best for meetings

3. Health Director Updates:

Program Updates:

- **Traditional Wellness Program Policy:**
 - Deb is working on the Traditional Wellness Program policy with Faith and it encompasses everything to do to with servicing people, spirit, and land. This will be broken down into framework.
 - Using guiding principals of four directions – East: Promotions, South: Protection, West: Preservation, North: Perpetuation.

- **Regional Mental Wellness Program – Ntam Nishnabeg Jiigbiig:**
 - Staff: Caroline Recollet, Coordinator; Sally Dokis, North Navigator; Arlen Tulloch, South Navigator
 - 2 Social Workers: Kathy Harris and Linda Rankin
 - Mental Wellness Team works with six First Nations communities:
 - Wasauksing, Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Nipissing, & Wahnapiitae
 - Wasauksing Health Department purchased website for post-partum resources
 - ppmd.ca
 - Proposal to funders for a 2 year project on exploring feminism
- **Primary Health Care:**
 - Focusing on care of First Nations members, residents of Wasauksing, Salts Point, and WLI Cottagers. No longer assisting outside of that population.
 - Encouraging use of OTN
 - Walkie Talkies were purchased for in-building communication where needed.
 - 10 cellphones were purchased in Health for MWT, Primary Care and Medical Transportation.
 - Cellphone policy to be expanded to Primary Care and MWT, to be signed by staff, then notification of phone numbers out to community.

Action Item: Deb to expand cellphone policy and notify staff of purchased phones and staff will no longer receive a cellphone allowance.

Health Department:

- All staff to be back in office, no longer working from home unless prior approval.
- Action Item:** Deb to email Health staff regarding no longer working from home.
- Pamphlets to go out to community about all services provided in the Health Department
- **Health Committee Terms of Reference:**
- Action Item:** Deb to shorten T.O.R., to be reviewed.
- **Health Committee Members**

Submit call out for Health Committee Members to Communications

Agreed by Consensus

Action Item: Deb to send notice to Communications for Digital Board

COVID-19 Update:

- Deb will be sending out daily updates until the pandemic is over.
- Action Item:** Deb to change data to be current at top of Excel sheet to limit scrolling.
- Around 72% vaccinated on Wasauksing as of July 21, 2021
- COVAXon entries near completion
 - Manual: Vaccination card to be mailed or picked up
 - COVAXon: Electronic and easier for travellers.
- Preliminary numbers for vaccinated to be ready by mid August and to anticipate numbers for a 4th wave.
- COVID-19 Testing at Nursing Station:
 - PCR Test: Samples taken here and sent to lab for testing

- Rapid Molecular: Samples taken and tested here, results in 15 minutes.
- Emergency Response Team
 - Email ert@wasauksing.ca with summary of event, number of people, and the space size.

New Staffing – Health

- Lorna Pawis retired from the Assistant Director of Health position.
 - ADOH to be posted at the end of August.
- Rachel Deschenes- Pegahmagabow is the Health Bookkeeper until end of August.
- Audrey- Anna Colson is the student assisting Deb with COVID-19 related data and is returning to Guelph University in the Fall.
- Sherry King is the Community Health Representative and is very active with public health.
- Nikeeta Tabobondung is the NNADAP worker, currently on three-month probationary period. She has organized camping and Father’s day programming, will be continuing PSHS lunch and organizing naloxone training in Fall.
- Emma Sayers is the Nursing Student working with Kara and will be returning to Laurentian University in the Fall.
- Karine Boucher is the Registered Dietitian and is currently in 3 days a week, and to change to 5 days in the future.
- Lisa Nyland is the CDE RN.
- Faith Pegahmagabow is the CDE Assistant.
- Linda Carter retired from the HCC Case Coordinator position.
 - Job was posted until end of June 2021, interviews conducted July 20, references being checked as of today, July 21, 2021.
- Amanda Maliska, RPN will be back in the Fall.
- Jeremia Pawis- Janvier is a recent Personal Support Worker Grad to fill in for the PSW on short term leave.
- Deb will be conducting performance evaluations for future reference requests for contracts ending soon.

Funding:

- M’tigo Min Trust:
 - Proposal to M’Tigo Min Trust is approved for \$30k to help make Elder’s homes more accessible. \$15k from the approval to go back into Health programming as Health had started purchasing for Elder’s homes after proposal was initially declined.

Health Building Addition:

- Public Works and Adams Bros Construction have taken over this project.
- Ground has been dug down to where footings will go and hopefully footings will be done before winter.
- Spring 2022 is the projected completion date.

4. Next Meeting: September – date to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:50pm

Closing Prayer – Dora Tabobondung