



Wasauksing Health Committee Meeting – Update Session / No Quorum
Tuesday, November 14th, 2023
5:00pm-7:00pm
Wasauksing Nursing Station Spiritual Room

Community Committee

Members:

Karen Chegahno;
Pazhe Rice, Councillor;
Hali Tabobondung;

Staff Resources:

Audrey-Anna Colson,
Community Health Rep;
Deborah Pegahmagabow,
Director of Health

Recorder:

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow,
Health Director Assistant

Regrets:

Alaina King, Councillor;
Dora Tabobondung;
Lisa Tabobondung;
Meaghan Tabobondung;
Elizabeth Taylor;
Christina Vasiliou, Councillor;
Lesley Pilar Welling

Opening Prayer – Deborah Pegahmagabow

Chair – Deborah Pegahmagabow

Meeting called to order – 5:12pm

2. Agenda- Review and Acceptance

No agenda approval due to lack of quorum, meeting turned into an update session.

3. Minutes- Review and Acceptance

Motion 10-10-23-2

Health Committee review and acceptance of October 10th, 2023 meeting minutes deferred until next meeting December 12th, 2023.

4. Health Director Updates:

2023-2024 Health Programming:

- National Aboriginal Addictions Week (NAAW)
 - All flyers posted online at wasauksing.health and social media pages
 - November 19: Candlelight Vigil Walk
 - November 20-24: Naloxone training with the nurses, call to book an appointment
 - November 22: Youth Movie Night in the Nursing Station Spiritual Room- start at 4:30pm
 - November 23: Hand Drumming Social in the Nursing Station from 2:30pm-4:30pm
 - November 25: Chief and Council Breakfast in the Complex Gym starting at 9:30am

- Surveillance:
 - Health is interested in the communicable disease aspect of absences in the school and daycare. Looking for clusters (anything that could close the school and daycare) and trends (fall/spring upticks in spread)
 - Collecting absenteeism data from the school and daycare. Data collection had a slow start and there is currently a large amount of insignificant data (no reason given for absence), currently assessing different avenues to collect data.

- Masking:
 - Mandatory masking in effect now in the Nursing Station
 - Medical Transportation and any staff going into client homes will have a new masking policy which states that all staff must wear masks with clients.

- Covid/Flu
 - Clinics have started – Wednesdays and Thursdays. Look to the health website (wasauksing.health), social media pages, and the newsletter for dates
 - Both covid and flu vaccinations can be taken at the same time.
 - Most elders vaccinated
 - About 60 covid vaccinations given
 - About 80 flu vaccinations given
 - Flu kits to be sent out this Fall to households on WFN.

- Head Lice
 - No new updates

- CARA:
 - Job to be posted – Deb needs to create a job posting.

- Home and Community Care:
 - 53 clients on roster: Meals on Wheels continuing for clients that require them; palliative Care, 40+ alarms for falls; home care bathing; installing safety devices; will continue to have limited winter supports.

- Traditional Healing Program:
 - Awaiting word on increase in dollars.

- Garage:
 - Cement pad is now where the garage will be built.
 - Electricity and water will install in the spring
- Mental Wellness Team:
 - Continues to provide support to 6 First Nations- Wasauksing, Dokis, Wahnapiatae, Magnetewan, Henvey, and Nippissing.

Staffing Updates:

- Medical Doctor:
 - 3 doctors coming on board:
 - Dr. Hamby: well woman/man/family
 - Dr. Elliott: visiting physician
 - Dr. Davis: visiting physician / palliative care.
- NNADAP Worker: hired Melissa McKeown, starts on November 20th, 2023.
- Health Administrative Assistant: Currently in negotiations.
- MWT Navigator: Finalizing applicants references.
- Meeting with Registered Dietitian. Contract to begin and review of administrative documents. Will start in January on-site.
- Renewed contract with PSW and HCC-Maintenance Support
- 1 PSW to return from Maternity leave.
- Competencies Chart:
 - To be implemented into all positions in Health over time.
 - Job postings/ job descriptions; performance evaluations; etc.

Quality Improvement Plan:

- Work plan completed and sent to the Ministry of Health Primary Care Division
- Will be providing an overview and briefing needing a motion from Chief and Council to be sent to the Ministry of Health- Primary Care Division.
- It's anticipated that there will be collecting of data in November/December 2023 and February/ March 2024.
- Will be breaking the work plan into Aim/Measure and Aim/Change for easier reading
- Pamphlets; Communication to community going out along with questionnaires that are currently being drafted. – Health Committee to complete surveys with community at a later date – To be determined.

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned – 7:30pm

Closing Prayer – Deborah Pegahmagabow