



Wasauksing Health Committee Update Session – No quorum
Thursday, April 11th, 2024
5:00pm-7:00pm
Wasauksing Nursing Station Spiritual Room

Community Committee

Members:

Karen Chegahno;
Pazhe Rice, Councillor (first
half);
Hali Tabobondung;
Elizabeth Taylor;

Staff Resources:

Deborah Pegahmagabow,
Director of Health

Recorder:

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow,
Health Director Assistant

Regrets:

Audrey-Anna Colson;
Alaina King, Councillor;
Dora Tabobondung;
Lisa Tabobondung;
Meaghan Tabobondung;
Christina Vasiliou, Councillor;
Lesley Pilar Welling

Opening Prayer –N/A

Chair – N/A

Meeting called to order – 5:15pm

2. Agenda- Review and Acceptance

Motion 04-11-24-1

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the April 11th, 2024 agenda for the update session is accepted.

Carried by Consensus

3. Minutes- Review and Acceptance

That the Health Committee reviewing and acceptance of the minutes from February 13th, 2024 is deferred to May 14, 2024 due to lack of quorum

4. Health Director Updates:

4.1 2023-2024 Health Programming:

- Community Health Representative
 - Surveillance in the school continues.
 - Ready for the mosquito, tick, and lice season and other Health surveillance.
- CARA:
 - Swimming at Tappattoo is continuing this season from now until May 28, 2024.
 - Badminton on Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm
 - LNHL planning underway:
 - CARA to take van down for families to watch games
 - Ordering jerseys, hats, and sweaters for fundraising
 - Maplefest
 - Preliminary feedback was great
 - 30+ volunteers plus staff, many youth
 - 515 pancakes plated
 - Will be establishing a volunteer program this fiscal.
- Home and Community Care:
 - Currently services 71 clients both on and away from the community – we receive provincial monies that allows staff to go into Parry Sound.
 - Numbers have been gathered in efforts to ready for the call for Expressions of Interests (EOI) that demonstrates readiness and vision to strengthen palliative care – this is underway and will expand the program in partnership with NOSM and the WPSHC-MAID program linking it with our Traditional Wellness Program.
- NNADAP
 - Whole Life Counselling is now coming to the Nursing Station – NNADAP Worker will be handling the assessments/referrals to Whole Life Counselling. This service has increased to every week with 2 psychotherapists
 - Mental Health First Aid training April 24th & 25th - open to community members
- Traditional Healing Program
 - Attending medicine making workshops
 - Programming continues
 - Attended the Traditional Healers conference in Toronto
 - “Medicine Cupboard” is organized and set up as an apothecary- service is underway.
- Mental Wellness Team:
 - Continues to provide support to 6 First Nations- Wasauksing, Dokis, Wahnapiatae, Magnetewan, Henvey, and Nippissing.

4.3 Staffing Updates:

- Kirsten Brownley started as a PSW in March.
- Sue Phillips started as a PSW in April.
- Health Administrative Assistant: Interviewing
- Competencies Chart: completed to be implemented over time into all job postings, job descriptions, performance evaluations, etc.

4.4 Quality Improvement Plan:

- Quality Improvement Plan 2023-2024
 - Almost 50% collected and will be sending the report to the Ontario government.
 - The most important question: “The percentage of clients who were always or often involved in the care decision when they saw their doctor/NP/ nurse...”
 - Deb will be loading data and doing the report – by the end of April this should be completed.
 - Chief and Council have acknowledged that the DOH is the Privacy Custodian and the Director of Health Services who will sign off.
- Quality Improvement Plan 2024-2025
 - Submitted the QIP for 2024/25 on April 1, 2024- complete with narrative and work plan.
 - Will be adjusting questionnaire and establishing

Research:

- CICA: Indigenous Screening for Dementia- almost completed, looking at uploading into EMR. Next steps are to continue until the instrument is adopted for use by Indigenous groups.
- Midwives: no other follow up received at this time. Deb to follow up.
 - Sunnybrook has Indigenous midwifery- would like our people to go there instead of other hospitals.
- Palliative Care: Best practices in communities up and down the HWY 400 area First Nations. A submission for Palliative Care Needs has been made. Dr. Davis is a lead with another physician from Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM).

5 Next Meeting: Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned – 6:15pm

Closing Prayer – N/A