



Wasauksing Health Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th, 2024
5:00pm-7:00pm
Wasauksing Nursing Station Spiritual Room

Community Committee

Members:

Karen Chegahno;
Pazhe Rice, Councillor
Elizabeth Taylor;
Christina Vasiliou, Councillor

Staff Resources:

Audrey-Anna Colson, CHR;
Deborah Pegahmagabow,
Director of Health

Recorder:

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow,
Health Director Assistant

Regrets:

Alaina King, Councillor;
Dora Tabobondung;
Lisa Tabobondung;
Meaghan Tabobondung;
Lesley Pilar Welling

Opening Prayer – Silent Prayer

Chair – Audrey- Anna Colson

Meeting called to order – 5:20pm

2. Agenda- Review and Acceptance

Motion 05-14-24-1

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the May 14th, 2024 agenda with the below listed amendments:

“Remove CICA from agenda

Remove Midwives- received no further update

Add QIP for 2024-25”

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Karen Chegahno

Carried by Consensus

3. Minutes- Review and Acceptance

Motion 05-14-24-2

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the meeting minutes from February 13, 2024 and the update session notes from April 11th, 2024.

Moved by Pazhe Rice

Seconded by Elizabeth Taylor

Carried by Consensus

4. Health Director Updates:

4.1 2024-2025 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 Tappatoo is continuing this season from now until May 28, 2024.
 - Badminton has come to a close for the season.
 - Coaching clinics will be happening
 - Application for Jay's Care has been submitted
 - Adult male and female teams have been established
 - New bases and balls have been ordered – looking into purchasing a shed for ball equipment storage.
- 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.
- 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
 - There has been an increase in individual referrals.
- Traditional Healing Program
 - Programming continues
 - "Medicine Cupboard" is organized and set up as an apothecary- service is underway.
 - Electronic Medical Record (EMR) is to be updated to reflect traditional healing.
 - Garden boxes are built – one for medicines, one for food.
- Mental Wellness Team:
 - Continues to provide support to 6 First Nations- Wasauksing, Dokis, Wahnapiatae, Magnetewan, Henvey, and Nipissing.
- Other:
 - Service Ontario Mobile Services:
 - Briefing note: "May 7th, 2024: Late last week FNIHB reached out about the pilot program: ServiceOntario Mobile Services. The program would include sending out a large truck and trailer to the First Nations. This trailer would serve as a functional ServiceOntario office allowing residents to renew health cards, ID cards, license, etc. ServiceOntario has reached out to us with a proposed date of June 17th, 2024. They have requested to have 80ft available for the truck and trailer, as well as facilities made available for their staff. Current proposed locations are: WACC parking lot with the washrooms opened for the day, Gathering Place Parking lot Community Complex lot closest to the Health Station."

- Health Staff Retreat in Killarney is scheduled for the end of June 2024.
- Health Fair/ Open House will be July 12, 2024
- Youth Canoe Trip: August 2024

4.3 Staffing Updates:

- CARA interviews occurred- 2 applicants, currently completing reference checks.
- Traditional Wellness Practitioner – currently completing reference checks.
- MWT/SW – currently completing reference checks.
- Terri Retzler has joined our team as the Health Administrative Assistant.
- Contract for Discharge Planner is upcoming.
- Doctor schedule for May 2024:
 - Dr. Knight May 29
 - Dr. Hamby: May 31
- 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
 - DOH to put in the numbers and will have charts for the Health Committee
- Quality Improvement Plan 2024-2025
 - To establish a staff working group.

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).

Motion 05-14-24-3

That the Health Committee accepts and endorses the “Wasauksing First Nation Expression of Interest Application-for Palliative Care Expansion”, that has been completed and sent to North East-Ontario Health office (May 3, 2024).

Approved by Consensus

Motion 05-14-24-4

That the Health Committee accepts and endorses the research component of the “Wasauksing First Nation Expression of Interest Application-for Palliative Care Expansion” that may or may not be funded by this proposal

Approved by Consensus

5 Next Meeting: Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned – 7:00pm

Closing Prayer – Silent Prayer

Approved 7.9.24