

**CMHA Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Via Zoom**

PRESENT: **Board Members:** Jennifer Akitt, Kate Allan, Susan Boron, Holly Goodings, May Ip, Mike Latimer, Lynda Legge, Ejaye McComb, Yvonne McCutcheon, Sean McMurray (Chair), Daryl Minifie, Rebecca Raynsford

Staff Members: Arnold Dendamera, Clark MacFarlane, Brenda O’Neill

REGRETS: Kylie Nowak

GUESTS: --

OPENING: Called to order by Chair Sean McMurray at 5:05 pm. Quorum achieved.

1.0 All were welcomed to the call and the Chair opened the meeting with the Mission, Values and Vision.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Daryl Minifie

SECONDED BY: Susan Boron

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Board meeting of November 25, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The Chair asked that any conflicts of interest be declared. None noted.

4.0 EDUCATION – Housing Services – Community Connections Program

Matthew Shute, Program Director with Community Connections was introduced.

- challenges within our local context – inadequate supply, market rates outpace the depth of subsidies provided
- dramatic rise of people referred to CMHA that are living with no fixed address
- Community Connections strives to meet needs of the client and not have barriers that discourage them from seeking assistance
- Housing and Support Resources – 35 staff, 65,000 nights accommodated/year
- Community Connections – 95 people waiting for apartments, 25 waiting for portable housing benefit, 15 people waiting for residential/CHO beds
- Housing Navigator position – critical role in a coordinated effort to assist with housing
- Immediate housing attainment and stability a key goal
- People can self refer to Community Connections
- Q: Do the hospitals know about/refer to Community Connections? A: Matt explained

that many referrals are received by GBHS. CMHA have had intake staff on the unit in the

past (prior to COVID) and he’s willing to do so in the future as it’s a good awareness and outreach.

The Chair thanked Mr. Shute for his presentation about Community Connections.

5.0 MINUTES & ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

MOVED BY: Susan Boron

SECONDED BY: Ejaye McComb

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 28, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5.2 Update on Action Items – no questions nor concerns noted

6.0 ITEMS FOR DECISION

6.1 Finance Matters

6.1.1 Report of the Finance Committee

Finance Chair, Kate Allan, reported that quorum was achieved for their November 25th meeting and that Baker Tilly were in attendance to address any questions regarding the audited financial statements. The audit reflects that the prior year deficit will be funded by the 2020-21 fiscal year surplus. The Finance Committee were satisfied with the statements and recommend to the Board that it proceed with accepting as presented.

6.1.2 Financial Forecast

The forecast to reflect the relevant receipt and expense in the totals to ensure that all facets of the sessional fees are captured and any surpluses or deficit from these should be disclosed.

6.1.3 Acceptance of Audited Statements

MOTION #2020.15

MOVED BY: Kate Allan

SECONDED BY: Daryl Minifie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2019-2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(6:05 pm Arnold Dendamera left the meeting)

6.2 CEO Report

Clark reviewed highlights of the report and invited comments or clarification.

- RFP for phones will be issued this week.
- Moving over to new benefit provider (Group Health) effective December 1.
- Launched MMHART across the counties whereby CMHA staff are embedded in police

services.

- Inquiry about Accreditation Canada which Clark explained is a voluntary process. Hope GB and CMHA were accredited with Accreditation Canada. Policies are yet to be harmonized which is a key area to fulfill for accreditation.
- Hired a Project Manager who will be critical in service delivery model implementation.
- In the process of re-recruiting for a QI Manager and interviews are taking place over the next 2 weeks.
- URT Manager/MH Counselling position to be filled. Will be reposted. Working on contingency plans to fill role temporarily while recruiting takes place.

MOVED BY: Yvonne McCutcheon

SECONDED BY: Rebecca Raynsford

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report of the Chief Executive Officer be accepted as presented.
CARRIED**

7.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 OHT – Board feedback to Planning Committee

Online survey asking for community input closed November 19. Stakeholders will be involved in discussions regarding governance and overall organizational structure of the local OHT.

8.0 IN CAMERA - none

9.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Good amount of media coverage regarding MMHART launch
- Lynda Legge shared that a donation from “100 Women Who Care” will be forthcoming to CMHA GB
- Holly Goodings family have chosen to do a Christmas donation to CMHA this year

10.0 MEETING EVALUATION

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next meetings: December 2, 2020, 5:00 pm via Zoom (Special Meeting re OHT application)
December 16, 2020, 5:00 pm via Zoom (Regular Monthly Meeting)

Minutes taken by: Brenda O’Neill

Approved on: January 27, 2021

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Chair:

Sean McMurray

Secretary:

Clark MacFarlane