



MINUTES

Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
1:15 p.m.
Committee Room 3, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne

Co-Chair Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges CHC
Co-Chair Angie Desmarais, Councillor
Casey Forgeron
George Kurzawa, CMHA Niagara
Christine Clark-Lafluer, Port Cares
Neal Schoen, Justice Niagara
Jeff Sinclair, Niagara Region
Dee Tyler, Gateway Niagara
Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Hanson, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement Division

Minutes: Carrie McIntosh

1. Call to order

Co-Chair L. Kleinsmith called the meeting to order at 1:23

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by C. Forgeron
Seconded by G. Kurzawa

That the agenda for the March 22, 2017 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of the January 26, 2017 Minutes

Moved by C. Forgeron
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the January 26, 2017 minutes of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee be amended by adding to the section with respect to affordable housing, “The partners who are implementing niagara’s 10 year homelessness and action plan, including regional housing...”.
CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the January 26, 2017 Minutes

Lori will circulate the report from Kate (Attached to minutes). Lori will let the committee know if there is follow up from the report related to the committee.

Committee members are asked to review the slides provided to the committee at the January 26 meeting.

Basic income project. The Mayor has requested a meeting with the Minister. Bridges provided a letter of support for Port Colborne to be included in the pilot project. Christine confirmed that Port Cares can also. Neal advised that he will forward the request. Committee members were not aware of other Niagara communities interested. Angie will provide the Chamber of Commerce and MPP Forster the Bridges letter as a template along with a request for a letter of support.

5. Presentation by Gateway

Dee Tyler, Clinical Supervisor from Gateway Niagara, provided a presentation. Carrie will email to the committee.

Discussion took place with respect to the presentation. It was advised that there are 7 Gateway units in Port Colborne. The units are permanent group housing units. There is very little in Niagara for people who need 24 hour long-term care (something that is available in Windsor).

It was noted that Gateway is not emergency housing. Christine advised that at least once a week someone shows up at Port Cares with no place to go for the night. The housing first program deals with the chronically homeless first (ie. 100 people). Port Cares needs advocacy and support for the small rural area because it is not supported in the data of the current funding models and the funding model puts the organizations at odds with each other rather than fostering cooperation. Furthermore, there is no common collection or common language to the data.

Dee advised she would provide hoarding coalition contacts.

6. Affordable Housing

The data subcommittee has not yet met.

Jeff will forward data from the LHIN to Carrie to distribute to the group with the disclaimer that it is not to be distributed, that it is a "homelessness 101" that was pulled together to help educate those unfamiliar with Niagara's situation. It has been distributed to MP Bittle. Angie will forward to MP Badawey.

7. New Business

It was noted that a person with lived experience would like to present to the committee. Angie noted that July or September would be ideal. It was noted that while the committee can only share the information provided rather than take action, hearing it might be beneficial to the committee.

8. Action Items

Carrie will distribute Regional report with disclaimer. Angie will share with MP Badawey.

Dee will forward hoarding contacts.

Scott will inquire as to why there is not a representative from Port Colborne for Regional Housing.

Angie will forward to MPP Forster's office the Bridges letter of support for Port Colborne to be the basic income pilot project and request a letter of support from the MPP.

9. Next Meeting

May 18, 2017.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.