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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Jubb
Regional Chair Henry, attended for part of the meeting due to municipal business

*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford, attended the meeting at 9:40 AM

Absent: Councillor Carter
Councillor Foster

Staff

Present: M. Beaucaire, Manager, Directly Operated, Children Services Division
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
S. Breurkes, Nurse Practitioner, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division
T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Health
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services
S. Foroutani, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division
E. Gilbert, Social Worker, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R. Jagoe, Program Manager, Housing Programs, Housing Services Division
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services, Social Services
S. Lewis, Acting Director, Health Protection Division
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, Social Services

L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health
J. Siciliano, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division
S. Surenthiran, Social Worker, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services
H. Toll, Registered Dietitian, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
E. Valant, Area Manager, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Jubb,
(31) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Sahar Foroutani, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, and Jocelyn Siciliano, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, re: A Second Update on Durham Region's Homelessness Support and Coordinated Access System (2023-SS-9)

Sahar Foroutani, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, and Jocelyn Siciliano, Manager, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to A Second Update on Durham Region's Homelessness Support and Coordinated Access System.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Two-Part Report and Presentation
- The Homelessness Initiatives Team

- 2023/2024 Homelessness Funding Investments
- Total Planned Allocations for 2023/24
- 2023/2024 Homelessness Funding Investments
- Bolstering System Capacity
- Increasing Housing Outflow
- Improving and Expanding Durham's Street Outreach Continuum
- Improving System Coordination
- Additional System Capacity Improvements
- Supporting Staff Across the System
- Relationship to Strategic Plan
- Conclusion

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether youth are included on the By Name list; how many youth are on the By Name list; whether youth are entitled to be placed in the Oshawa micro homes and Beaverton Supportive Housing facility; whether there is a separate By Name list for veterans; whether the team is working with organizations such as Royal Canadian Legion to assist with veteran's being added to the By Name list; how the Beaverton Supportive Housing will be prioritized for north Durham residents; how this presentation and report differ from reports previously brought to Council; whether a residential address is required to receive Ontario Works funding; the number of homeless people in 2022 that were transferred into a residence; the percentage of homeless people in Durham Region; the number of homeless people that do not consent to being put on the By Name list; whether the number of people willing to go on the By Name list is increasing throughout Durham Region and those travelling through Durham Region; and whether it would be of assistance to have members of the Health and Social Services Committee be involved with the Strategic Planning Session.

5.2 Erika Gilbert, Social Worker, and Sherin Surenthiran, Social Worker, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division, re: Long-Term Care (LTC) Caregiver Transition Program

Erika Gilbert, Social Worker, and Sherin Surenthiran, Social Worker, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Long-Term Care (LTC) Caregiver Transition Program.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Program Proposal
- Scope of LTC Social Worker (SW) Role
- LTC Caregiver Transitions
- Partnership with Family Services Department (FSD)
- Program Content
- Caregiver Transitions Program (LTC Social Workers)

- Caregiver Mental Health & Wellness Seminar (Family Services Department)
- Future Goals

5.3 Stephanie Breurkes, Nurse Practitioner, and Heather Toll, Registered Dietitian, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division, re: Palliation in Long-Term Care: A Resident Focused Approach

Stephanie Breurkes, Nurse Practitioner, and Heather Toll, Registered Dietitian, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Palliation in Long-Term Care: A Resident Focused Approach.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- What is Palliative Care & Why is it Important?
- Current Long-Term Care Population
- Disease Trajectories
- Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021
- Divisional Long-Term Care Palliative Care Program
- Positive Outcomes
- Future Goals
- References

Staff responded to a question with regards to the relationship between palliation in long-term care homes and Durham Hospice homes.

5.4 Troy Cheseboro, Chief of Paramedic Services, re: Paramedic Services Update

Troy Cheseboro, Chief of Paramedic Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Paramedic Services Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Call Volume January to April 2023
- Offload Delay
- Seaton Paramedic Response Station
- Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP) Overview
- PCOP Goals
- Outreach Services
 - Paramedic Services
 - Social Services
- Enhanced Medications
- PCOP Stats October 1 to December 31, 2022
- PCOP Stats January 1 to March 31, 2023
- Success Example

- Future Growth
- Opioid Update

T. Cheseboro responded to questions with regards to the reason for the construction delay with the Seaton Paramedic Response Station and when it will open; whether the new Advanced Care Paramedic positions have been filled; how many code zeros there have been and what has assisted with reducing that number of code zero situations; and whether other emergency response units are administering naloxone.

6. Delegations

6.1 Lorrie Hagen, CEO, The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre, re: Campaign Progress Update

Lorrie Hagen, CEO, The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Campaign Progress Update.

Highlights of the delegation included:

- The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre
 - Registered Charity – No Patient Fees
- What is Type 1 Diabetes?
- Growth – Population & Type 1 Diabetes
- Comparison of Current Best Centre and Best Centre Vision
- Financial Progress – Year End March 31, 2023
- Will you endorse our request to the Province?

L. Hagen responded to questions from the Committee.

Chair Roy advised that she would speak with Regional Chair Henry regarding providing a letter of support to The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre and their request to the Province for funding.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from Rene Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health Sudbury & Districts, re: Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(32) That we recommend to Council:

That the correspondence from Rene Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health Sudbury & Districts, re: Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023, be endorsed.

CARRIED

- B) Information Report #2023-INFO-46 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Durham Region Opioid Response Plan Status Update

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

- (33) That Information Report #2023-INFO-46 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Durham Region Opioid Response Plan Status Update, be received for information.

CARRIED

- C) Information Report #2023-INFO-47 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Consumption and Treatment Services Application Overview

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

- (34) That Information Report #2023-INFO-47 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Consumption and Treatment Services Application Overview, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

There were no Health reports to consider.

8. **Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

- A) A Second Update on Durham Region's Homelessness Support and Coordinated Access System (2023-SS-9)

Report #2023-SS-9 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Dies,

- (35) That Report #2023-SS-9 of the Commissioner of Social Services, be received for information.

CARRIED

B) **Advocacy Strategy and Policy Paper to Address Homelessness and Related Challenges (2023-SS-10)**

Report #2023-SS-10 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

At the request of the Committee, A. Burgess advised that Report #2023-SS-10 is in response to the motion from the April Health and Social Services Committee to declare homelessness a Federal emergency. She stated that the advocacy positions fall within three themes being homelessness; mental health and addictions; and victimization and criminal behaviour, and within those three pillars and advocacy actions, looking at developing a short term advocacy strategy where we use our government relations, consultants, and strategy core issues to socialize these ideas with the Provincial and Federal Government.

Discussion ensued with regards to the support needed for the EmPATH model to come to Durham Region; and the home care services and community services required as the needs of the community grow.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(36) That we recommend to Council:

That the Advocacy Strategy and Policy Paper to Address Homelessness and Related Challenges be endorsed.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Safe Consumption and Treatment Sites

Councillor Crawford asked staff if the safe consumption and treatment sites are new to Durham Region and whether there is funding provided for the sites.

R.J. Kyle advised that the application guidelines and model were changed in 2018 from strictly consumption sites to include a treatment component and that funding is provided by the Ministry of Health and the Province of Ontario.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Jubb,
(37) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk