

Association canadienne pour la santé mentale Waterloo Wellington

CMHA WW Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021, 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Videoconference

Present: David Pell, President

Anthony DiCaita, Secretary-Treasurer Donnamarie Dunk, Board Member Jibran Khokhar, Board Member Julie Nicholls, Board Member Irene Thompson, Board Member Katharina Markowiak, Vice-President Lynda Davenport, Board Member Dana Hardy, Board Member Laura McNeilly, Board Member Stacey Rous, Board Member

Helen Fishburn, CEO

Anna Tersigni Phelan, Director Quality & Risk

and Chief Privacy Officer

Meredith Gardiner, Director of Services
Jeffery Stanlick, Acting Director of Services

Heather Eddy, Director People & Culture

Barbara Farrell, Director of Finance & Decision Support

Alison DeMuy, Director Strategy & Innovation

Krista Sibbilin, Director of Services

Recorder: Heather Snider, Team Lead, Administration

Regrets: None

Agenda Item	Discussion and Actions
Welcome & Call to Order	
Declarations of Conflict	None declared.
1.0 In Camera Meeting	It was duly MOVED and SECONDED that the Board move into camera (Stacey Rous, Irene Thompson). CARRIED.
	Discussion re: Woolwich Building (Children's Mental Health Services)
	It was duly MOVED and SECONDED that the Board move out of camera (Stacey Rous, Irene Thompson). CARRIED.
2.0 Approval of Consent Agenda	It was duly MOVED and SECONDED that the consent agenda be approved (Katharina Markowiak, Julie Nicholls). CARRIED.
3.0 Resources Committee Report	Anthony DiCaita, Barbara Farrell and Heather Eddy presented the Resources Committee report.
	Human Resources Update
	Heather provided an update on the Long Term and Short Term Disability premium increases. This has been communicated to staff. Heather noted that our OPSEU representative has changed, which has resulted in additional delays in bargaining.
	2021-22 Operating Budget
	Barbara presented an overview of the 2021-22 Operating Budget.
	The Board discussed OHTs, which are funded this year for the first time. Each designated OHT will receive \$75K/year for 3 years; they are openly recruiting across the system. Members of our Senior Leadership and Leadership Teams contribute to the work of each OHT. While CMHA WW does not receiving direct funding for employees who contribute in this manner, OHTs are open to secondments, purchases of services, and backfills.
	Barbara noted that money from Ministry of Health designated for construction of 80 Waterloo Ave has been earmarked as cash in hand, as this has already been allocated to the funds spent on the construction of the building.

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	It was duly MOVED and SECONDED that the Board approve the 2021-22 Operating Budget as presented by Management (Anthony DiCaita, Irene Thompson). CARRIED.
4.0 Helen's Update	Provincial Budget – Mental Health & Addictions (MH&A) Funding
	We were disappointed with what was announced for MH&A in the recent provincial budget announcement. The MH&A sector had asked for a 3% base budget increase to support overall system funding, rather than funding for individual initiatives — this was not provided. The funding announced will be designated for specific programs, along with \$175K in undesignated funds to be shared across the province. Although every penny of funding is needed and will be well utilized, we are asking the government to fund a full and comprehensive system of care in MH&A — very much like Cancer Care Ontario. This announcement did not move us in that direction.
	We continue to focus our efforts on the <u>Everything Is Not Ok</u> campaign, and Helen will be meeting with numerous local MPPs to discuss these issues.
	COVID Updates
	To date, 51% of staff have confirmed their initial vaccination. Our public health units were strongly aligned with our advocacy efforts around vaccinating community health workers, and staff are very appreciative.
	We anticipate fully opening all offices as of April 19, barring further provincial restrictions. For the first time since COVID began, we will be rotating all staff on site.
	Volumes, complexity, acuity
	We continue to be flooded with increased service volumes. Helen highlighted the complexity and acuity of these cases.
5.0 Closing and Debrief	It was duly MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the meeting (Anthony DiCaita, Laura McNeilly). CARRIED .

Anthony DiCaita

Secretary-Treasurer