

Present: Katharina Markowiak, President
 Anthony DiCaita, Secretary-Treasurer
 Neil Dunsmore, Board Member
 Lisa Hood, Board Member
 Jibran Khokhar, Board Member
 David Pell, Board Member

 Helen Fishburn, CEO
 Meredith Gardiner, Director of Services
 Jeff Stanlick, Director of Services
 Anna Tersigni Phelan
 Director Quality & Risk and Chief Privacy Officer

 Irene Thompson, Vice-President
 Dana Hardy, Board Member at Large
 Julia Goyal, Board Member
 Somkene Igboanugo, Board Member
 Laura McNeilly, Board Member

 Heather Eddy, Director People & Culture
 Krista Sibbiline, Director of Services
 Alison DeMuy, Director Strategy & Innovation

Guests: Camille Quenneville, CEO, CMHA Ontario
 Dr. Chris DiCarlo, CMHA WW Ethicist

Recorder: Heather Snider, Team Lead, Administration

Regrets: None

Agenda Item	Discussion and Actions
Board Education Session	Camille Quenneville, CEO CMHA Ontario, presented on <i>The Landscape in which CMHA Exists</i> , including the topics of Advocacy, MAiD, Governance, and Queen’s Park. MAiD – The Board discussed the recent inclusion of mental illness under MAiD eligibility. This is a complex issue and the recent postponement of this by the federal government is welcome. CMHA’s position strongly notes that MAiD should never be considered due to lack of access to necessary supports.
1.0 Welcome, Call to Order	Katharina Markowiak welcomed Board members.
2.0 Land Acknowledgement	Helen Fishburn shared a land acknowledgement.
3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest	No conflicts were declared.
4.0 Ethical Dilemma Should CMHA WW accept donations from substance based organizations?	Dr. Chris DiCarlo presented on the meta-analysis he conducted after the November Board Retreat, and on the donor focus group that took place in January. This was followed by a Board discussion, during which Board members shared information to complement Dr. DiCarlo’s findings, and discussed the consequences of both accepting and not accepting donations from substance based organizations. The following themes emerged from the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A precedent has already been set through previous acceptance of donations from organizations that are substance based, or linked in a negative way to mental health and addictions (e.g., Trillium grants are funded via the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation). It would be helpful to review our list of corporate and government donors to understand the scope of this particular issue. • The science and politics around cannabis use and sales continue to evolve. There may be value to deciding not to make a decision right now. • Should we decide to accept these donations, we can place conditions on this.

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	<p>ACTION: We will provide information on past and current corporate donations and government funding for CMHA WW to the Board.</p> <p>ACTION: The Fund Development Committee will prepare a draft framework from which we can proceed, including proposed restrictions on accepting donations should we decide to do this.</p> <p>Note: an expanded summary of this discussion was provided to the Fund Development Committee for reference.</p>
<p>5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda</p>	<p>It was duly MOVED and SECONDED to approve the December 7, 2022 CMHA WW Board minutes (Jibran Khokhar, Neil Dunsmore). CARRIED.</p> <p>It was duly MOVED and SECONDED that the consent agenda be approved (Jibran Khokhar, Neil Dunsmore). CARRIED.</p> <p>Katharina noted that she will be connecting with Board members to discuss their intentions for the 2023-24 Board year.</p>
<p>6.0 Protective Vest Use</p>	<p>Helen informed the Board that we are working through the issue of whether IMPACT staff wear protective (bulletproof) vests when attending emergency calls with police.</p> <p>This is a very complex issue that involves consideration of staff safety, and consideration of the stigma clients can experience due to these types of interventions. We know this is particularly true for individuals and communities with a history of social oppression.</p> <p>Jeff Stanlick presented an overview of the issue and steps taken to date to engage various stakeholders in this decision. We are still in the process of seeking feedback, particularly from our equity-seeking communities.</p> <p>This will ultimately be a Board decision; we will update the Board as this progresses.</p>
<p>7.0 Helen’s Update and Q&A</p>	<p>Helen highlighted the following issues:</p> <p>January was a busy month with budget planning, Woolwich Building meetings, government relations work and a media coverage for Blue Monday and Bell Let’s Talk.</p> <p>Wait times – We are reviewing Here 24/7 data, particularly around our call answer wait times. To address concerns in this area, we are reorganizing our call triaging. We anticipate this to be adjusted by the end of February.</p> <p>Law suit – CMHA WW and Guelph Police are involved in a joint lawsuit that has been reported on in the media. As this is an active investigation, we are unable to comment.</p>
<p>8.0 Closing and Debrief</p>	<p>It was duly MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the meeting (Somkene Igboanugo, Irene Thompson). CARRIED.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.</p>
<p>9.0 Meeting without Management</p>	<p>As per the Board workplan, a meeting without management was held following the regular Board meeting.</p>



Katharina Markowiak, President



Anthony DiCaita, Secretary Treasurer