

**Present:** Irene Thompson, Chair  
 Dana Hardy, Board Member at Large  
 Mariah Blake, New Professional on Board  
 Sean Bradley, Board Member  
 Somkene Igboanugo, Board Member  
 Pia Williams, Board Member  
 Helen Fishburn, CEO  
 Alison DeMuy, Director Strategy & Community Engagement  
 Katharina Markowiak, Treasurer  
 Brooke Billings, Board Member  
 Julia Borges, Board Member  
 Neil Dunsmore, Board Member  
 Deanne Metzloff, Board Member  
 Sarah Bumbaco, Acting Director People & Culture  
 Michael Buchert, Director of Finance  
 Tim Lewis, Financial Consultant

**Recorder:** Heather Snider, Team Lead Administration

**Regrets:** Anthony DiCaita, Vice-Chair      Julia Goyal, Board Member      Lisa Hood, Board Member

Agenda Item	Discussion and Actions
1.0 Welcome; Call to Order	Irene Thompson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Welcome to Michael Buchert, Director of Finance, Sarah Bumbaco, Acting Director of People & Culture, and Tim Lewis, Financial Consultant.
2.0 Territorial Acknowledgement	Heather Snider shared a reflection on the book <i>The Knowing</i> , by Tanya Talaga.
3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest	No conflicts were declared.
4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda	It was duly <b>MOVED</b> and <b>SECONDED</b> to approve the June 25, 2024 CMHA WW Board minutes (Deanne Metzloff, Dana Hardy). <b>CARRIED</b> . It was duly <b>MOVED</b> and <b>SECONDED</b> to approve the September 26, 2024 CMHA WW agenda (Neil Dunsmore, Deanne Metzloff). <b>CARRIED</b> . It was duly <b>MOVED</b> and <b>SECONDED</b> that the consent agenda be approved (Neil Dunsmore, Deanne Metzloff). <b>CARRIED</b> .
5.0 In Camera Meeting 6:15 pm – 7:27 pm	It was duly <b>MOVED</b> and <b>SECONDED</b> to move in camera for a Woolwich Building update and financial update (Neil Dunsmore, Somkene Igboanugo). <b>CARRIED</b> . It was duly <b>MOVED</b> and <b>SECONDED</b> to close the in camera meeting and move into a meeting without management to follow up on the annual CEO performance evaluation (Neil Dunsmore, Deanne Metzloff). <b>CARRIED</b> .
6.0 Helen’s Update and Q&A	<b>HART Hubs and Consumption Treatment Services</b> The government is ending consumption treatment services (CTS) sites, especially those closest to schools and child care centres, and launching HART (Homelessness, Addictions, Recovery, Treatment) Hubs. Two CTS sites in our service area will be affected: one in Guelph and one in Kitchener. CTS sites required to close will be given priority for those applications. Intentions to Apply have already been submitted, and full applications are due October 18. The goal is to be operational by Winter 2025.

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	<p>We are actively involved in planning meetings in Waterloo Region and Guelph Wellington. While CMHA WW will not be a lead agency, the hubs are based on an integrated model and we are a core partner in each region. All current work to address ongoing downtown risk issues can be consolidated and coordinated through HART Hubs.</p> <p>Location of HART Hubs is an important factor. In Guelph, discussions are focusing on the Guelph Community Health Centre.</p> <p>Our funders have informed us that there will be no new funding for the Integrated Crisis Centre moving forward. We will be dedicating existing resources to our local HART Hubs, and any proposals for new funding will focus on additional resources needed.</p> <p>Helen noted there was no consultation with community health providers prior to the direction to close CTS sites. We anticipate individuals accessing HART Hubs specifically for treatment, but HART Hubs are not to include any form of harm reduction services.</p> <p>We are not able to use any HART Hub funding for harm reduction. We need to find creative ways to absorb the need for harm reduction without breaking provincial policies. A motion is being tabled at Kitchener City Council next week to protest the closing of CTS sites.</p> <p>We will continue to update the Board as this unfolds.</p>
<p><b>7.0 Closing Remarks</b></p>	
<p><b>8.0 Meeting without Management</b></p>	<p>The Board moved into a Meeting without Management for an update on Board developments over the summer.</p>