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Health Unit**

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**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT**

MINUTES of the Regular Board of Health Meeting
May 27, 2022
Electronic Meeting

PRESENT: Doug Lawrance – Chair, Trudy Sachowski, Sharon Smith, Jim Belluz,
Jerry O’Leary, Sally Burns, Shayne MacKinnon, Nicole Brown, Wendy Brunetta

IN ATTENDANCE:
Marilyn Herbacz, CEO
Kit Young Hoon, MOH
Lindsay Koch

GUESTS: Lori Stoltz – Morris, Stoltz, & Evans LLP

REGRETS:

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug Lawrance called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion / Resolution: # 55 -2022 CARRIED	S. Burns T. Sachowski
THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated May 27, 2022 be approved as amended.	

Lori Stoltz joined the meeting at 8:30am

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

4. CHAIR’S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Chair has not participated in NWHU work since the last meeting, other than selection of the Carl Lindstrom Bursary Recipients.

5. MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS, APRIL 22, 2022 & APRIL 26, 2022

Motion / Resolution: # 56-2022 CARRIED	S. MacKinnon J. O’Leary
THAT the Minutes of the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health meeting held April 22, 2022 and Special Meeting held April 26, 2022 be approved.	

6. IN CAMERA

Lori Stoltz left the meeting at 9:54am

<p>Motion / Resolution: # 57-2022 CARRIED</p>	<p>J. O’Leary S. Smith</p>
<p>THAT the Board of Health moves to an in-camera session at 8:34am to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (1 item – OHT CDMA) • A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, or financial information that belongs to the Board and has monetary value or potential monetary value (1 item – NWHU Reserve Funds) • Labour Relations & Employee Negotiations (1 item – PHI Practicum Classification) • Education / Orientation session for Board members (2 items – Whistleblower Policy & Part 8 Updates) 	

<p>Motion / Resolution: # 58-2022 CARRIED</p>	<p>T. Sachowski W. Brunetta</p>
<p>THAT the Board of Health move out of in-camera at to resume the regular meeting.</p>	

<p>Motion / Resolution: # 59-2022 CARRIED</p>	<p>J. Belluz S. Burns</p>
<p>WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted the capacity of the Environmental Health Team’s capacity for regular program work;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Environmental Health Team has requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS 100% funding has been approved for up to four Public Health Inspector Practicum positions for 2022/2023,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approve the creation of a Public Health Inspector Practicum classification to align with the Nursing Student Classification at \$22.00 per hour.</p>	

Jerry O’Leary left the meeting at 10:16am

7. aIPHa UPDATES

7.1 aIPHa Report

Trudy Sachowski spoke about the upcoming aIPHa election. Trudy is currently the Vice President of the Organization.

Trudy has been asked to participate in a panel at an upcoming AMO conference alongside a number of esteemed public health and municipal representatives.

The aPHa conference is being held June 13-14 virtually. Doug Lawrance, Trudy Sachowski, Marilyn Herbacz, Kit Young Hoon, and Lindsay Koch are participating on behalf of NWHU.

Board members are reminded to take part in the 2022 aPHa Fitness Challenge by the end of May.

7.2 Election Primer Video

aPHa’s new *Public Health Matters* video, for engagement and sharing with candidates and other stakeholders during this year’s provincial and municipal elections was shared with the Board. The video is available on aPHa’s [Home Page](#) and via YouTube in [English](#) and [French](#).

Motion / Resolution: # 60-2022 CARRIED	S. MacKinnon W. Brunetta
THAT the May 2022 aPHa Report be received.	

8. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

8.1 CEO & Finance Report *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.05.27-8.1; the report will be kept on file.*

Marilyn Herbacz shared highlights of her written report, noting that the report does not yet include the adjustment made to the budget as approved by the Board, and that there may be an increase in COVID-19 vaccine related expenses as clinics ramp up.

8.2 2022 Strategic Planning Updates *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.05.27-8.2; The Report will be kept on file.*

The Strategic Planning retreat will be held May 30 and 31. Board members and Managers will come together to review the preliminary document which outlines common themes learned through the consultation process.

8.3 2021 Balanced Scorecard *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2022.05.27-8.3; The Report will be kept on file.*

The Board shared its appreciation for the work done by NWHU staff and management on the work outlined in the Balanced Scorecard report, despite the shift in focus to the COVID-19 response.

Motion / Resolution: # 61-2022 APPROVED	J. Belluz N. Brown
THAT the Board of Health receive the following Corporate Administration reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022.05.27-8.1 CEO & Finance Report • 2022.05.27-8.2 Strategic Planning Updates • 2022.05.27-8.3 2021 Balanced Scorecard 	

9. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

9.1 **Medical Officer of Health Update** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health. Reference #2022.05.27-9.1; The report will be kept on file.*

Dr. Young Hoon shared that COVID-19 numbers and impacts in the province appears to be decreasing, and that planning for routine vaccine catch up is taking place but may need to shift if there is a need for increased COVID-19 vaccinations in the Fall.

9.2 **Collaborative Climate Change Project** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health on behalf of Alex Berry, Manager – Communications & Foundations Services. Reference #2022.05.27-9.2; The report will be kept on file.*

The Board engaged in some discussion about whether Climate Change is something in which public health should be involved.

9.3 **NWMO Community Health Assessment** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health on behalf of Alex Berry, Manager – Communications & Foundations Services. Reference #2022.05.27-9.3; The report will be kept on file.*

This report was generated in response to discussion at the Board's April meeting to provide clarification on NWHU's role in data sharing with third party organizations.

Members shared concerns about the ethics of NWMO and their engagement of Organizations and municipalities in our region.

It was reiterated that data provision as required under the Ontario Public Health Standards does not indicate endorsement for, or support of the operations of the organization. There is no funding agreement as part of this work. Language about this will be included in future reports on the topic.

9.4 **Dental Health Program Report** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health on behalf of Dawn Sauve – Manager, Dental Health. Reference #2022.05.27-9.4; The report will be kept on file.*

9.5 **Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Red Lake Ontario Health Team Progress Update** *Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health Reference #2022.05.27-9.5; The report will be kept on file.*

Dr. Young Hoon will be working to develop reports on each Ontario Health Team that NWHU is working with.

9.6 **Rainy River District Ontario Health Team**

a. Indigenous Ceremony at Couchiching First Nation

The OHT is looking to bring partners together in ceremony on June 9th. Board of Health members are invited to attend. Dr. Young Hoon will attend.

- b. **New Logo Input**
 RRDOHT has asked for partner feedback on their logo, which symbolizes the reverse of a traditional drum and natural, traditional elements. This can be sent to Dr. Young Hoon if members have any.

Motion / Resolution: # 62-2022 CARRIED	S. Burns J. Belluz
<p>THAT the Board of Health receive the following Public Health Program reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022.05.27-9.1 Medical Officer of Health Update • 2022.05.27-9.2 Collaborative Climate Change Project • 2022.05.27-9.3 NWMO Community Health Assessment • 2022.05.27-9.4 Dental Health Program Report • 2022.05.27-9.5 Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Red Lake OHT Progress 	

10. HYBRID MEETINGS

The Board of Health constitution, with the amendments to *The Municipal Act* allows for in person and virtual meetings of the Board. It was asked if hybrid meetings, wherein members participate either in the room or virtually were something the Board had an appetite for.

The item was deferred to the Executive Committee to review in greater detail and to make a recommendation on at the June Board of Health meeting.

11. AMENDMENTS: None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATES

- Friday, June 24, 2022 – Kenora at 8:30am
- July – NO MEETING
- August 26, 2022 - Virtual

13. ADJOURNMENT

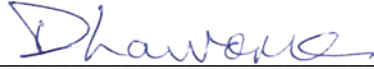
The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:49am.

Motion / Resolution: # 63-2022 CARRIED	T. Sachowski J. Belluz
THAT the Board of Health Meeting be adjourned at 11:49am.	

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN

THIS24..... DAY OFJUNE.....2022



MEETING CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH



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