



Minutes

Human Services Planning Board

September 18, 2020
Electronic Meeting

Co-Chairs: J. Heath, R. Shields

Members: C. Bisanz, M. Braithwaite, E. Chang, N. Cheong, J. Fang, W. Emmerson, C. Grant, D. Gray, T. Macgregor Walter, J. MacSween, M. Mahdy, I. Maxwell Rodrigues, E. Pivato, C. Roach, D. Rokos, D. Stolte, J. Taylor, A. Wilson, C. Zakoor,

Advisors: C. Beer, D. Chong, N. Din, D. Gwilt-McPhail, N. Venafro

Staff: C. Abankwa, L. Alfieri Sladen, M. Bryce, K. Chislett, C. Clark,
Dr. A. Fitzgerald-Husek, B. Macgregor, J. Silva, C. Taglione, J. Tsui

S. Hall (Facilitator)

A. Call to Order

Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and made the following remarks:

“We acknowledge the land we are meeting on today is the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit.

These lands are now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples.

We also acknowledge that York Region falls under Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties with several Mississauga and Chippewas First Nations.”

B. Disclosures of Interest

None

C. Opening Remarks

Regional Councillor Heath provided an overview of the agenda and introduced Rebecca Shields, Co-Chair of the Human Services Planning Board.

D. Commissioner's Update

Katherine Chislett, Commissioner of Community and Health Services provided updates on actions taken by York Region in the following areas:

1. Community Support
2. Income Supports, Business Supports and Transportation
3. Children's Services
4. Homelessness Prevention and Housing Services
5. Paramedic Actions and Supports for Seniors

E. Public Health – Update and Open Questions and Answers

Dr. Alanna Fitzgerald-Husek, Associate Medical Officer of Health for York Region provided updates on COVID-19 in the following areas:

1. Status of cases, past and present
2. Common trends
3. Expectations going into the Fall season
4. Updates on schools re-opening
5. Advanced planning

F. Focused Discussion: COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Trends in Human Services Sector

Board Members provided input regarding next steps for their organizations amid COVID-19, the impacts on the community and obstacles they will face.

The main areas of discussion were as follows:

1. Staffing
2. Financial strategies/campaigns/fundraising
3. Funding agreements
4. Creative use of physical spaces
5. Working with partners - system coordination
6. Strategies for second wave
7. Exploring housing options
8. Adapting programs
9. Transitioning to virtual world

- 10. Prevention strategies
- 11. Crisis supports
- 12. Social isolation
- 13. Addressing the digital divide
- 14. Cleaning protocols
- 15. Government supports

G. Presentations

G.1 Child Care & Early Years Service System Plan and COVID Response

The Board received the presentation by Cordelia Abankwa, General Manager, Social Services, Community and Health Services and Monica Bryce, Director, Integrated Children's Services, Community and Health Services.

G.2 Community Safety Well-Being Plan Update

The Board received the presentation by Joseph Silva, Director, Strategies and Partnerships, Community and Health Services.

H. Deputations

None

I. Communications

None

J. Other Business

J.1 Next Meeting

A working group of the Human Services Planning Board will be meeting on December 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

K. Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.