

Northern Neighbours

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic

**Northern Neighbours NPLC
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 09th, 2021
Northern Neighbours NPLC Board Room**

PRESENT:

Lynne Thibeault	Chair <i>via video conference</i>
Patricia Anglehart	Treasurer <i>via telephone</i>
Crystal Pirie	Director <i>via video conference</i>
Shawn Dookie	Director <i>via video conference</i>
Shawna Fedoruk	Secretary <i>via video conference</i>
Arlene McCorry	Lead Nurse Practitioner <i>via video conference</i>
Carolyn Burton	Clinic Administrator <i>NNNPLC Board Room</i>

REGRETS: Tina Forsyth, director

RECORDER: Carolyn Burton

The board chair, although present, was experiencing internet connectivity issues. The board chair asked for volunteer to chair tonight's meeting. Shawn Dookie volunteered to chair the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm est

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve agenda, with the addition of item 5.1 COVID -19.

Moved by: Patricia
Seconded by: Shawna

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No conflict of Interest declared

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Moved by: Lynne
Seconded by: Shawn
Abstained: Crystal Pirie

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4. Clinical Report:

Arlene presented the plans for the NNNPLC's upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination clinics. Vaccination eligibility is regulated by Algoma Public Health (APH) The Northern Neighbours NPLC's (NNNPLC) first vaccination clinics were scheduled for March 18, 2021 and March 25, 2021.

The initial NNNPLC COVID-19 vaccination clinic occurred on March 18, 2021. The NNNPLC received 60 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and the target demographic was:

- Patients that are 80+ years in age;
- Indigenous adults 55+ years in age; and
- Emergency service workers (clinic staff, mine rescue, fire fighters)

The NNNPLC will endeavor to provide COVID-19 vaccination clinics every Thursday. The NNNPLC's commitment to providing vaccinations to our patients is determined by the APH's vaccination distribution supply to the community of White River. Vaccination eligibility is determined by the APH.

Arlene reported that the Social Services Worker is no longer employed by the NNNPLC. The NNNPLC will not seek to fill the role of Social Services Worker. There is strong suggestion that the residents of both White River and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg require the services of a Social Worker. A Social Worker could provide mental health counselling.

Shawn inquired as to whether or not the funding received from the Ministry of Health and Long—Term Care would support hiring a Social Worker. The original funding agreement included the cost of employing a Social Worker. The recruitment team at the time was unable to attract a Social Worker, so the Executive Team (E.T.) recruited and hired a Social Services Worker.

Crystal asked to move aforementioned item 5.1 COVID-19 item to be included with item 4.0 Clinic Report. Item 5.1 COVID-19 will be changed to 4.1 COVID-19.

4.1 COVID-19

Crystal inquired as to whether or not the NNNPLC offered to provided transportation to the vaccination clinic to patients that have transportation barriers. The NNNPLC did offer transportation to the vaccination clinic.

Does the NNNPLC receive information or updates from the Thunder Bay District? The NNNPLC has offered to be of assistance to the Thunder Bay District, specifically with our patients in Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg. Any member of the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg that lives in White River will be contacted for vaccination but also has the option of booking the vaccination in Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

4.2 Financial Report:

Documents, reports, and bank reconciliations have been uploaded to the shared drive. Board members can access these materials at their convenience.

Carolyn reported that the noteworthy change between the March 2021 financial report and the February 2021 report is the inclusion of the RNPGA flow-through funding. A remittance advice was issued to the Township of White River from the NNNPLC in the amount of \$60,778.00. The various NNNPLC operating expenses reported previously will be decreased as a result. The RNPGA funding and the OTN funding for 2019 and 2020 have not been received to date.

Shawn inquired about the flow-through funding agreements between the NNNPLC and the Township of White River. Carolyn will post the agreement to the shared drive.

Carolyn also noted legal expenditures have not reached the approved in-year reallocation for legal fees, in the amount of \$35,000.00. This is mainly due to ONA's request to postpone negotiations. The NNNPLC was scheduled to meet with ONA on February 25, 2021 but ONA asked to reschedule for an undetermined future date.

4.3 Collaboration with White River town council:

Carolyn invited Julie, CAO of White River to share the data from the recent community assessment. To date that information has not been received. The board has suggested that the Clinic Administrator extend an invitation to the CAO to attend the April 13/21 board meeting.

4.4 Collaboration with Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg:

Carolyn met with Shelly, Health Manager. The coordination of the COVID-19 vaccination for Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg was priority focus for the community and if assistance was needed, she would reach-out. Shelly was encouraged to call Nathalie McCaig, RPN of the NNNPLC. The joint coordination would ensure that the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg residents that missed receiving their vaccination in their community could acquire the vaccination in White River.

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10. New Business:

Task	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Prepare information for Housing committee	Carolyn	November 20/20	Ongoing
Acquire stats from Pic Mobert First Nation for use with mental health and addictions worker proposal	Shawna & Carolyn	ASAP	Ongoing
Finalize Lease Agreement with Township of White River and NNNPLC then circulate the lease agreement to the board	Julie and Carolyn		Ongoing
Community Transportation Grant proposal/strategy	Julie and Carolyn		Ongoing
Committee for new board members: create a plan and a process to make new recruiting more formal	Shawn, Carolyn, Lynne	April 13/21	
Circulate the Algoma community needs assessment and Inventory of Services with board and staff	Arlene	Undetermined	
Determine strategic goals and develop strategic plan	Board and ET	June 2021	
Upload RNPGA and OTN agreements to shared drive	Carolyn	ASAP	

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Extend board meeting invitation to White River CAO	Carolyn	ASAP
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9. Next meeting: April 13, 2020.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm