

Northern Neighbours

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic

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

PRESENT:

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

Absent: Tina Forsyth

RECORDER: Carolyn Burton

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm est

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by: Shawna
Seconded by: Shawn

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No conflict of Interest declared

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Moved by: Shawn
Seconded by: Shawna

4. Standing Items

4.1. Clinical Report

COVID 19 Status

Arlene presented the following as the Northern Neighbours COVID 19 Status

- Arlene reported that the Northern Neighbours NPLC has increased telephone appointments, and reduced in-clinic traffic;
- Malcolm continues to do patient telephone appointments from home;
- There are no new COVID 19 testing dates currently planned;
- Arlene is a member of the North Algoma Committee and there is an upcoming meeting to outline the vaccine roll-out in the communities of Wawa, Dubreuilville, and White River; *and*
- Vaccinations occurred in Northern Algoma Long term cares homes in Wawa, and in Manitouwadge, and Marathon.

Crystal inquired as to the skill/certification requirements needed to administer the COVID 19 test. She had received a query from White Lake Corporation. As this is a corporation of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg, Crystal encouraged to reach out to the Northern Neighbours NPLC for assistance.

The Chair queried whether or not COVID 19 testing could be administered by Northern Neighbours NPLC staff and the tests submitted to Life Labs. The challenge for the NNNPLC is logistics, the testing could not be done in clinic. Patients seeking COVID 19 tests, ideally would attend a different location so as to minimize potential risks.

Union Negotiations

Arlene gave an overview of our O.N.A. negotiations. It appears as if we are in the homestretch of the negotiations and we expect to have a collective bargaining agreement in the near future. Items that remain outstanding include wages, vacation, and group benefits.

4.2. Financial Report:

The Financial Report for period ending February 04, 2021 was circulated for board perusal. Carolyn commented that the financial activity for the period is status quo but underscored the cost of legal fees to date is \$21,000.00. The legal fees related to negotiations is approximately \$15,000.00 and remaining legal expense was incurred in previous fiscal year. Buset and Partners did not issue an invoice for this expense until October 2020.

Carolyn opened the floor for any queries. The Chair asked if our Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) representative is kept abreast of the negotiations and the related legal fees. Carolyn confirmed that she does keep Michelle informed.

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4.3. Collaboration with White River town council/Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg

4.3.1. COVID 19 test at White River and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

The information related to this agenda item was discussed in 4.1 Clinical Report. The lead NP affirmed the ability to add new forms or requisitions to Accuro. We should consider adding COVID 19 forms and requisitions.

4.4 Collaboration with White River Town Council

4.4.1 Community Safety and Well Being.

Carolyn spoke to Julie, CAO of the Township of White River. Currently, the Township is developing a Community and Safety Well Being Plan. This plan is due for publication by July 01, 2021. There is a desire to have representation from the NNNPLC on this newly formed committee.

Health and Safety at the Health Centre in Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

Carolyn and Shelly, manager of the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg Health Centre, met and conducted a health and safety risk assessment. This assessment was triggered by an alleged threat to the NNNPLC staff. Several risks were identified and there are plans to continue this collaboration until the risks have been mitigated.

4.4.2 Locum Recruitment Updates

The NNNPLC continues to try and recruit a locum for the Rural Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGEA), no success to date. Shawn provided that we may consider posting the position as in-clinic appointments as well as virtual appointments.

4. Schedule a meeting with NNNPLC Board of Directors, Mayor, and Council – 4plex housing project.

Carolyn has confirmed that the MOHLTC will not provide funding for housing projects. The board was asked if anyone was aware of funding opportunities for housing. No information, pertinent to the NNNPLC was revealed.

5. Unfinished Business / Previous Task List Review:

Task	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Acquire stats from Pic Mobert First Nation for use with mental health and addictions worker proposal	Shawna & Carolyn	ASAP	Ongoing

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Finalize Lease Agreement with Township of White River and NNNPLC then circulate the lease agreement to the board	Julie and Carolyn	ASAP	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	Asap	Ongoing
Determine strategic goals and develop strategic plan	Board and ET	June	
Patricia to shadow the upcoming ONA negotiations	Patricia	Jan 19 & 20	Complete
Ensure that the NNNPLC staff are trained in the Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg safety policies and procedures	Carolyn	Mid-Feb	Complete

5. Next Meeting Tuesday, March 09, 2021.

6. New Task List:

Task	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
COVID 19 Testing at NNNPLC	Arlene	Feb 09 Meeting	
Update Locum posting to include Virtual Appointments	Carolyn	ASAP	

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm