



Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Minutes Municipalities of Brockton and South Bruce

June 5, 2024, Meeting held by Zoom Media Communications

Attendees: Kym Hutcheon, Trish Serratore, Ryan Fullerton, Brian Currie, Kelly Fotheringham, Stephanie Dudgeon, Dr. Paul McArthur, Taylor Holdsworth, Elaine Stirrat

Regrets: Jeff Goetz, Christine Brandt, Dr Amanda Wilhelm

(Acting) Secretary: Sarah Johnson, Municipality of Brockton Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chair Kelly Fotheringham called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Adoption Of Agenda

Moved by Brian Currie

Seconded by Kym Hutcheon

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee hereby accept the agenda for the meeting on June 5, 2024 as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Adoption Of Minutes and Notes

4.1 Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Minutes - March 20, 2024

4.2 Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Notes – May 1, 2024

Moved by Kym Hutcheon

Seconded by Stephanie Dudgeon

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee approve the minutes from March 20, 2024 and May 1, 2024 as presented.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Dr. Paul McArthur will inquire with Dr. Kyle Scheuerman (Physician #15) about joining the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.

6. Physician's Report

Dr. Paul McArthur informed the Committee that [REDACTED] (Physician #19)'s child celebrated their first birthday. The Walkerton Hospital is hosting an O.B. learning day, and a tour was conducted of the upstairs offices with [REDACTED] (Physician #15) which include a F.H.O. position, six (6) physicians in four (4) pods, and the opportunity for individuals to join and share practices.

Elaine Stirrat entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

[REDACTED] (Physician #21) is expecting a baby in September. As a result, [REDACTED] (Physician #16) has agreed to assist in [REDACTED] (Physician #21) maternity leave.

Dr. Amanda Wilhelm has been working hard and submitting applications for [REDACTED], and it was noted that it may take some time before [REDACTED] can start their practice. It was noted that there may be bills to pay for the applications.

Dr. McArthur noted there was no update on the new recruits but hopes to make the arrivals smoother for the physicians. There was a recommendation to start applying for the F.H.O. position for [REDACTED] (Physician #19) who has their licence now. Dr. McArthur will communicate with Lindsey Nelson about the matter.

Christine Brandt entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

7. Recruitment Report

7.1 Update on renovations in the Walkerton Clinic

Discussed under Physician's Report.

7.2 Onboarding Plans for Physicians [REDACTED]

Discussed under Physician's Report.

8. Website Update

No Update.

9. Family Health Team Update

No Update.

10. Finance Report

The Committee received a \$5,000 donation from the Knights of Columbus. An expense report was submitted from Ev Dargie for gifts at Discovery Week in the amount of \$637.33. Discovery Week was successful and resulted in good exposure for the community.

Motion:

Moved by Kym Hutcheon

Seconded by Stephanie Dudgeon

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee pay the bill of \$637.33 to Ev Dargie for gifts at Discovery Week.

Carried.

11. Rural Retreat

August 16-18, 2024 in Owen Sound.

Natalie Smith from Brightshores Health Systems is organizing meetings. There are currently five individuals registered for the retreat currently. Depending on the number of registrations, the event may need to be cancelled as there is a requirement for a minimum of 15 participants in order to run the event.

Dr. McArthur noted the challenges associated with scheduling, and engaging medical students who are in their 3rd and 4th years that may not be encouraged to participate should they not have an increased interest in the area already. The Committee noted the disappointment in the low registration and that a decision would be made in July.

Kelly Fotheringham will email the list of activities to the Committee.

12. Grey Bruce Discovery Week Update

All Discovery Week positions are now full, and there is a waitlist. The Committee is unaware of any Brockton applications; however, some applications are from Bruce or Grey Counties. It was noted that additional advertising could occur in the future to collaborate with schools and possibly arrange bus transportation.

13. New Business

A committee member advised the Committee of a complaint from a resident that they still do not have a family physician and have been living in Walkerton since 2019. The challenges in recruiting new physicians Province-wide was noted.

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Kym Hutcheon

Seconded by Elaine Stirrat

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting adjourn at 4:18 p.m.

Carried.