



## **Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee 2019 Municipalities of Brockton & South Bruce**

**June 12, 2019** Meeting held in the Brockton Municipal Office Boardroom, called to order by Chair Kelly Fotheringham at 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Kelly Fotheringham, Ev Dargie,, Wayne Huber, Stephanie Dudgeon, Ryan Fullerton, Kym Hutcheon, Christine Brandt, Brittany Hawkins & Myrna Inglis. Later - Dr. Amanda Wilhelm, Dr. Paul MacArthur

**REGRETS:** Pam Dickson, Bob McCulloch, Paula Culbert.

**Guest** – Tammy McFarlane

**RECORDER:** Myrna Inglis

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda of the June 12, 2019. Meeting:  
Moved by Stephanie Dudgeon, Seconded by Ev Dargie. CARRIED.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:** None.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the March 27. 2019 Meeting, Approved as amended by Christine Brandt, Seconded by Ryan Fullerton

Kelly introduced Tammy McFarlane from Paisley who attended to learn about the Committee and to express her concerns about the lack of physician services in her Community.

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** The site is updated with current pictures. Kym will investigate whether it is connected to the new Brockton website. The address is [www.brocktonMD.ca](http://www.brocktonMD.ca)

### **FAMILY HEALTH TEAM REPORT:**

Stephanie Dudgeon reported on a Health Forum meeting in Owen Sound. Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) are being introduced to provide a new way of organizing and delivering services in local communities to provide more coordinated and equitable access to health care services. Planning for an OHT in Grey Bruce is currently underway.

A Grey Bruce Health Forum was held in April to discuss issues related to primary care recruitment and retention across the Grey Bruce region. Emerging from the forum was the need to form a task force to

support the creation of a regional recruitment strategy that will complement local recruitment and retention initiatives. Development of the task force is currently in the initial stages.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

- Ryan reported that he has not heard from Brockton Council regarding the approval of the Committee's budget

**DISCOVERY WEEK REPORT:**

Ev Dargie reported that there were 5 female and 1 male first year medical Students from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry in Walkerton for Discovery Week this year. Expenses for the program were covered in the budget.

**RECRUITMENT REPORT:**

Dr Paul MacArthur reported that Dr Bajurny has retired. His practice of 317 patients will be covered by Dr Czifer and the other doctors. This practice is ideal for someone who wants a small practice to start and then expand or someone to combine a Family practice and Anesthesiology.

Dr Paul reported discussions with a relatively local physician who was trained in Australia who is interested in palliative care. The tentative plan is for her to come to work for 1 year starting January 1, 2020 and then return to Australia. She will need a supervisor. Her spouse is a carpenter.

Follow up is planned with Kyle Scheurman who is was trained in Saba and is doing a portion of his residency in Hanover this fall and with Ian Eckenswiler who is currently completing his first year of Family Practice Residency.

Matt McNiven, Anesthesiologist Resident will be working with Dr Paul in September.

Everyone was encouraged to follow up on any medical contacts to help locate another anesthesiologist for the Walkerton & Hanover coverage.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- No

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **None to report**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Brockton Municipal Office Boardroom, Walkerton. Or at the call of the Chair

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was moved by Ryan Fullerton at 5:15 pm.