



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

A meeting of the Health Committee was held at the County Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9:45 a.m.

Present were: Michael Donohue, Chair
Jennifer Murphy, Warden

and Committee Members: David Bennett, James Brose, Debbi Grills, Dan Lynch

Absent: Patricia Lafreniere, Michael LeMay, Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Michael Nolan, Director/Chief, Emergency Services
Michael Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator
Rhonda Chaput, Administrative Assistant, Emergency Services

Chair Donohue called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were declared.

Chief Nolan advised Committee that the Health Link is an innovative service delivery model focused on the five per cent of patients with the highest needs, often with multiple, complex conditions, and who accounts for two-thirds of Ontario's health care spending.

Through better collaboration with providers of care, patients gain access to the services they need through individual care plans and coordinated support from a care team that could include doctors, nurses, specialists, hospitals, home care, long-term care and community agencies. The goals of Health Links are to improve the health care experience for those with complex needs, reduce unnecessary visits to hospital emergency departments and decrease overall health care costs.

The lead organization for the Western Champlain Health Link is Pembroke Regional Hospital (Lead: Sabine Mersmann, Vice President, Patient Services, Seniors and Community Care). The Health Link target population will be patients with four or more chronic conditions (i.e. COPD, CHF, Dementia, Mental Health and Addiction) and other vulnerable factors:

- Social determinants of health deficiencies (i.e. housing, food, safety, finance, health literacy)
- Lack of support (i.e. live alone, limited caregiver support)
- Barriers to accessing care/services (i.e. language, culture, mobility)
- Cognitive impairment.

These Service Level Agreements are a formal record of the commitments for the Health Link Lead Agency (HLLA), representing Western Champlain Health Link. This partnership with Health Links is for the provision of Community Paramedic care coordination in the Arnprior and Barry's Bay areas and is based upon the patient selection criteria determined by Health Links:

- Base funding of \$30,000 in quarterly installments to support the continuation of the care coordination process in Barry's Bay and \$10,000 for the integration of Community Paramedics into the Family Health Team in Barry's Bay for a total of \$40,000.
- Base funding of \$40,000 through the Arnprior Family Health Team to support paramedic care coordination in the Arnprior area.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-19-03-27

Moved by: Councillor Brose

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT Health Committee recommend to County Council that the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to sign the Service Level Agreements (attached) between the Pembroke Regional Hospital, lead organization for the Western Champlain Health Link and the County of Renfrew for the provision of Community Paramedic care coordination in the Arnprior and Barry's Bay areas AND FURTHER THAT a By-Law be adopted at the next session of County Council.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-19-03-28

Moved by: Councillor Brose

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held April 10, 2019. Time 9:50 - a.m.

CARRIED.