

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee held in Room No. 213, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 2:04 pm.

PRESENT: Chair G. Seymour
Jim Harden, Cowichan Independent Living
Directors M. Dorey, G. Giles, L. Iannidinardo,
P. Kent, and I. Morrison

ABSENT: Directors R. Hutchins and M. Marcotte

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of the following New Business Items:

**NB1 – Letter from Anne Balding, Housing Programs Manager,
Canadian Mental Health Association
Re: Request for Funding in the Amount of \$10,000 for
Warmland House Operating Budget; and**

NB2 – Announcement by Director Lori Iannidinardo;

and further that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee, held January 21, 2010, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

M2

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee, held March 24, 2010, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

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A memorandum from the Chair, Health Advisory Committee dated April 14, 2011; regarding a one time grant in the amount of \$265,000 from the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), provided under a funding agreement for the purpose of developing community capacity to address issues of homeless populations in the Cowichan Valley; was considered.

Responding to a question from the Chair regarding available VIHA funds, the General Manager, Corporate Services said that the CVRD had received funds in the amount of \$178,000 prior to the \$265,000 just received, and he noted that expenditures have been a little over \$50,000 and the balance to date is now \$123,577.

Director Giles noted that at least half (\$68,000) of this \$123,555 is allocated to expenses of the Cowichan Communities Health Network.

Director Kent said that, in his view, a framework would need to be set up around spending the \$265,000 grant from VIHA. A way this could be done, he explained, would be to contract Social Planning Cowichan to provide advice on which areas monies could be spent on homelessness prevention and affordable housing.

The Chief Administrative Officer said that, in his view, the Grant Funding Agreement from VIHA was purposely vague in order to allow the monies to be spent within the purview of the CVRD.

Director Kent said that mental health and addictions issues were being addressed by VIHA through the Health Network and family physicians. He said that money was recently put into two facilities in this regard – Caulfield Place and the old Cowichan Lodge. He noted that Warmland House was a 'wet' facility whereas Caulfield Place was 'dry' and that Cowichan Lodge was 'controlled'.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the best approach to dealing with the homelessness issue was to contract with a qualified group such as Social Planning Cowichan to research and make recommendations to the Hospital Board on defining and building capacity to address homelessness.

2:53 pm

Director Morrison left the meeting at 2:53 pm.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Board that funding in an amount no greater than \$10,000 be allocated to Social Planning Cowichan for the initiation of an agency dialogue that would identify ways to increase capacity in addressing issues of homelessness and housing affordability in the Cowichan Valley.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

The letter from Anne Balding, Housing Programs Manager, Warmland House, regarding a request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Warmland House Operating Budget, was received.

NB2

Director Iannidinardo announced to the Committee that National Day of Mourning was occurring tomorrow and that a ceremony would be held for this occasion at 10:00 am tomorrow at the Forestry Memorial in Lake Cowichan.

ADJOURNMENT

3:09 pm

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____