

HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

TELECONFERENCE

JULY 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. The meeting convened with Councillor L. Baldwin-Sands, Chair, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Councillor L. Baldwin-Sands, Chair, City of St. Thomas
Councillor G. Jones, County of Elgin
P. Benfeito, St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
Dr. K. Scott, Family Physician

Officials

Julie Gonyou, C.A.O., County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Dr. C. Egbujuo, Family Physician

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTES

Motion by Councillor Jones – P. Benfeito:

THAT: The minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting be confirmed.

Carried.

Activity Report and Recruitment Projects - Health Recruiter - Appendix "A"

Ms. Fish provided an overview of activities and recruitment projects from June 2021.

Ms. Fish advised that Dr. Alexsi Sherazadishvili would be taking over Dr. Balsdon's practice following his retirement.

The members noted the successes in helping to facilitate succession planning for retiring physicians.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding Request - Dr. Alexsi Sherazadishvili

The City Manager advised that Dr. Sherazadishvili would be taking over Dr. Balsdon's practice upon his retirement and would like to complete some office and equipment modernization.

Motion by Councillor Jones - Dr. Scott:

THAT: Funding of \$33,000 for one physician position be recommended for the request received by Dr. Alexsi Sherazadishvili subject to approval from St. Thomas Council and the execution of an agreement with Dr. Sherazadishvili.

Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

St. Thomas and Area Homebuilders' Association Membership

The Chair advised that she had spoken with Ms. Angela DeVries, Executive Officer, St. Thomas and Area Homebuilders' Association and that Ms. DeVries would like to attend the August Committee meeting.

Mr. Smale advised that he would provide the invitation to Ms. DeVries to attend the August meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The members agreed that the next meeting would be held on August 9th, 2021 at 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

8:44 a.m. The meeting adjourned.

St. Thomas-Elgin Health Recruitment Partnership Committee

Update Report

June 2021

Activities:

- 1) Two new grads were provided tours of the Elmdale FHO during the month of June with the hopes they would be interested in joining a new FHO in St Thomas.
- 2) Dr. Balsdon has finalized the details with Dr. Alexsi Sherazadishvili to take over his practice on Sept 1, 2021. I assisted Dr. Toth with completing the documents required to replace a retiring physician in the Elgin FHO. Dr. Sherazadishvili is waiting for his billing number to be provided by the Ministry. Wendell and I will be meeting with Dr. Alexsi on June 29th to discuss the incentive fund. Dr. Balsdon has sent out letters to his patients announcing the change.
- 3) Dr. Connie Robinson announced that her daughter Dr. Meghan Robinson will begin working with her in June as a locum until the paperwork and the license numbers are received.
- 4) The zoom meeting arranged by Patty Benfeito went very well allowing Dr. Toth to meet with Dr. Robinson, Dr. Sherazadishvili and Dr. Colin Bolzon to review the Elgin FHO governance agreement and several of the operating practices of the Elgin FHO.
- 5) Many thanks to Dr. Scott and Dr. Toth who took time from their busy schedules to speak with Dr. Parent who was looking to speak with physicians who are leads of a FHO. Dr. Parent is considering taking on this position for the new FHO and hoped these conversations could assist her in making a decision.
- 6) I reached out to many of our local medical students who are still in training to see if they would be coming home this summer if the travel restrictions allowed. I invited them to contact me when convenient so we could meet for coffee in the park. Several have responded they will do this if they are able to get home this summer.
- 7) Patty Benfeito shared that the STEGH summer bursary was awarded to Asher Frydman and Corina DeKraker. Both have ties to our local community. I will contact them to share what practice opportunities exist now and in the near future.
- 8) I'm still working with Dr. Morrison to finalize his replacement for his retirement plans scheduled for mid-October 2021.

Submitted by: Cheryl Fish