



**Health Care Committee
Town Hall – Council Chambers
October 23, 2023 - 4:30 pm
Minutes**

Attendees:

Barb Gates (Co-Chair)	Lois Moore (Co-Chair)	Dr. Collings
Mayor Robert Doucet	Dawn O'Dell	Lew Moulton

Guests: Jacqueline MacKinnon – Program Director (KV) Sophia Recovery Centre

Regrets: Dr. Hall

Staff: Richard Malone Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:26 pm by Lois Moore (Co-Chair).

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Dawn O'Dell and seconded by Dr. Collings to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None Declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Doucet and seconded by Barb Gates to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting. Motion Carried

5. New Business

Jacqueline MacKinnon was introduced to the committee members and spoke about the Sophia Recovery Centre. They had presented to Council in order to raise awareness and to ask the community to utilize personal and professional networks in an effort to gain referrals for their group and their one-on-one peer support programs.

Council recommended that they present to the Health Care Committee and that Staff share the information on Hampton's social media channels.

Jacqueline circulated posters with a QR code link to their website and pamphlets which require updates to include the KV office. It was noted that the posters



should be provided to local doctors for posting in their offices. The KV office is servicing Rothesay to Sussex, including Hampton. Work is being done to ensure they are meeting outcomes, especially with their growth in the KV area.

6. Old Business

a) Patient Data for Hampton

As of September 2, 2023 the patient count for Hampton and area is at 1285.

b) Physician Recruitment

Dr. Scott Fenwick started his practice in Hampton in September 2023. Dr. Collings recently retired. Dr. Fenwick and his wife (KV office) divided his patients by location/address. Based on the patient data (1285 residents without a family physician), the committee discussed other initiatives and potential candidates for Hampton.

c) Blood and Specimen Collection Clinic – Update

This clinic has been cancelled. It was not clear on the reasons as a private agency, Valley Health, were offering this at the Hampton Pharmasave. It was offered one day per week between 9 am – 2 pm. Committee discussion that possibly the cost of the service could have been too high and the one day per week may not have been convenient enough for residents. The cost to offer the service may have been restrictive as there is a requirement for a centrifuge machine.

d) Dalhousie Family Medicine event in Digby NS – Update

Envision Saint John attended this event and Hampton supplied a Health Care Committee brochure.

e) Pilot Project – Pharmacies to prescribe for Chronic Diseases

Hampton Pharmasave has been chosen as one of the pilot locations for this project. This is to improve access to primary health care as part of the Province's Strategic Plan. Lew Moulton reported that they are renovating and adding a piece to the existing building to accommodate this project. Lew circulated a brochure outlining the program published by the Dept. of Health along with a news release. This is a similar program to Alberta that has been running for approx. 10 years and a program in Nova Scotia that just began in February of 2023, which started with 12 stores offering a similar service. New Brunswick is offering this in six stores to begin the pilot program, which is scheduled to last for one year. There will be an independent evaluation and reporting to the Dept. of Health completed. Soft launch began on September 18, 2023 at Hampton Pharmasave.



f) Nursing Home without Walls

Hampton's Dr. V.A. Snow Centre has been approved for this project. Staff are waiting to hear back from the Snow Centre regarding next steps for the program.

g) Other

KV Psychology has notified the town that they are looking to do community outreach and plan to offer free counselling to youth in Hampton. Staff will keep the committee updated on this program as information becomes available. Discussion regarding participation of existing programs in the area as many are not engaging in mental health programs being offered. Dawn O'Dell, on behalf of the CMHA, offered to coordinate with KV Psychology if the opportunity arises.

7. New Business – Year End Report

Staff presented the year end report for the committee's review and comment.

It was moved by Dr. Collings, seconded by Barb Gates to accept the year end report and submit to Council for approval.

Motion Carried

8. Next Meeting

There being conflicts with November 20 date, the committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for Monday, November 27 at 4:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Barb Gates that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Approved:

Barbara Gates – Co Chair

Lois Moore – Co-Chair

Richard Malone - Staff Representative