



YUKON HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (YH&SS) Minutes

Meeting Date: June 18, 2011- 9.00 am – 12:30 pm

Attending members: Kevin McDonnell, Maxwell Rispin, Peter Morawsky, Marie Martin, Marie Cox, Doug Kearns, Michael Nixon, Marnie Buyck.

Regrets: Douglas MacPheat.

Guest(s):

Action Items are in Bold

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<p>7) Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in • Review of Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The sustainability issue is a challenging topic and we need to scope it to a more manageable issue for investigation. Perhaps we replace sustainability with efficiency? ▪ Open House was a disappointment in terms of lack of public attendance but we learned from it. Ideas for the next one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio advertisements; have it during the week rather than a weekend; and a different time of the year. • Even though we only had one person show for the Open House, she had a legitimate concern/issue of the need for a Long Term Care Facility requirement in Watson Lake. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This brings up the issue of having Long Term Health Care facilities in all communities, as elders don't typically want to leave their communities of family, friends and in general, support. • First Nations and the governments need to be collaborating on this issue. • Kwanlin Dun is a good example where collaboration of governments work to meet the needs of the community and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus of Day • Review & Approval of Agenda 	<p>elders exists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Care Facilities in communities will then become another issue for health care sustainability – where will it fit with the other priorities? • NGO's, hospital, FN and Yukon Government should be encouraged to work together for a solution. • The idea of sub centers for this type of thing was discussed - moving the people who have need of palliative or long term care to a central location closer to their community. There is still the issue of taking individuals out of their community and away from their support system. <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-7a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A thank you letter will be written to Evelyn Brown and acknowledge that her issue will be discussed further by the YH&SS Council. ▪ Aging Well Strategy, Public Concerns, Chair Update are added to the agenda. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin and Marnie ▪ Doug motioned, Mike seconded
<p>8) Updating of Issues Statement Report (All)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brian has done a lot of work in trying to re-direct us and support us in our investigation approach and also to meet with the department ADM's, trying to collaborate on the investigation process. ▪ YH&SS Council needs to narrow down the issues and select one or two that can realistically be investigated. ▪ How will we do this and do we want to proceed? ▪ YH&SS Council decided it is important to pursue this and that we need to narrow down/refine the approach. ▪ Discussion about the notes taken - see attached. ▪ YH&SS Council suggested an issue to investigate is that there are maternity wards or trained nurses to do deliveries in the community hospitals and the fact that women are sent to Whse. two weeks before due date to have babies. ▪ The Watson Lake hospital is costing so much money, yet they are not able to deliver a baby there, which the YH&SS Council could look into. ▪ If the facilities are in the communities (I.e.: Dawson and Watson Lake) wouldn't it be more cost effective to have babies delivered in the 	

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	<p>communities than to have families spending two weeks in Whse.?</p> <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-8a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YH&SS Council requested the Chair follow-up with Warren Holland on the reasoning why there are no maternity capabilities in the community hospitals and to report back to YH&SS Council on his findings. ▪ Appropriate health care in the community hospitals (i.e.: maternity or cardiac care) needs to be reviewed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin
<p>9) Future Issue Investigation Items (All)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See attached notes. ▪ YH&SS Council needs to narrow down which issue to investigate. <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-9a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin will refine and re-formulate the issues list and email it to everyone to review, make changes and additions before the next meeting. ▪ Eventually a sub-committee will need to be formed to investigate these issues in between meetings. <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-9b:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YH&SS Council will read the Auditor General Report before the next meeting. <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-9c:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It has been decided the YH&SS Council will investigate <u>Issue #13 about the Hospitals in the communities.</u> <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-9d:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Issue #5 – Fees for Long Term Care facilities:</u> Mike and Max are willing to investigate this with support from chair and secretariat. Mike and Max will be in contact with each other and to discuss with Brian Kitchen to begin with. They will contact Marnie for logistics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin and Marnie ▪ All ▪ Mike, Max ▪ Mike, Max
<p>10) YH&SS Council Business/Admini-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Next meeting agenda items:</u> <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-10a:</p>	

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strative Items (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 302 1078 401">▪ Thomson Care Centre Update by the department. Appropriate people will be invited to speak on this. <p data-bbox="475 436 1154 667">Public Concerns: TRC (Truth & Reconciliation Commission) - “nightmare issues” that are arising from the process (I.e.: suicide, violence, depression, etc.) because people’s stories are being told. There are ripple effects in the communities (I.e.: children at school effected because parents are telling their stories).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 674 1149 835">▪ The federal government is going to need to step up and assist in paying during the Commission’s review. People need to have assistance to deal with the issues but the funding being provided right now is not enough. <p data-bbox="475 871 841 905">➤ ACTION #2011-06-10b:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 940 1143 1073">▪ Marie will keep the YH&SS Council informed of the letter that the First Nations are writing to the Government of Canada and its results in this regard. <p data-bbox="475 1108 1154 1173">Ageing Well Strategy: still waiting for the template to be fully expanded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 1180 1149 1306">▪ Age Friendly Communities survey is being done. See attached notes. Dave Austin is the contractor that has been hired by the City of Whse. to lead this. <li data-bbox="475 1312 1122 1402">▪ The questionnaire has been developed by Saskatchewan but it has not been adapted for Northerners. <p data-bbox="475 1438 841 1472">➤ ACTION #2011-06-10c:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 1507 1154 1575">▪ The survey will be sent to the YH&SS Council Members. <p data-bbox="475 1610 841 1644">➤ ACTION #2011-06-10d:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 1680 1149 1747">▪ Max will continue to attend the meetings and keep the YH&SS Council updated. <p data-bbox="475 1810 922 1843">Communications Strategy Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 1879 1089 1946">▪ This was given to us by Pat Living but more needs to be done to raise our profile for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1196 302 1333 331">▪ Marnie <li data-bbox="1196 940 1408 970">▪ Marie Martin <li data-bbox="1196 1507 1333 1537">▪ Marnie <li data-bbox="1196 1680 1300 1709">▪ Max

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	<p>public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YH&SS Council needs to continue to work with the Communications unit at H&SS to keep the website updated for the public. <p><u>Six Steps to Success Conference:</u> there are no updates, as no one attended.</p> <p><u>Annual Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be due soon and will require member's input. <p>➤ ACTION: 2011-06-10e:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin will send a draft of the annual report for everyone to review, add to or make changes. <p><u>Membership:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We currently have 8 members and one possible new member. Marnie is still waiting to hear from Susan-Anne Anderson from Boards & Committees at H&SS. ▪ There is an interested person from Dawson who has put in an application. <p>➤ ACTION: 2011-06-10f:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When any new members are confirmed, the YH&SS Council will be informed. <p><u>Next Meeting Date:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It has been decided that the YH&SS Council will alternate going between communities and Whse. for meetings. <p>➤ ACTION: 2011-06-10g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting date will be the 2nd or 3rd week of September in Whse. (Friday and Saturday) at the Edgewater Hotel if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin ▪ Marnie ▪ Marnie
<p>11) ATIPP (Access to Information of Personal & Privacy Act) – Kevin McDonnell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A letter was sent from the Department of Highways & Public Works, Mike Johnson: Proposed Criteria to Identify Additional Public Bodies under the ATIPP, along with a Consultation Document. <p>➤ ACTION #2011-06-11a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peter will review and advise the YH&SS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peter

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12) Closing		

Meeting adjourned: 12:30 pm
Minutes prepared by: Marnie Buyck