

**REACH Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 14th 2021
Location: Video Conference**

Present: Colleen Fuller, Jane Turner, Kylie Ellis, Una Walsh, Alice Munro, Bill Hood, Cyndia Cole, Daniel Cook
Diana Guenther, Emma Macklem, Janette McIntosh, Marian Dodds, Piotr Majkowski

Staff: Nicole LeMire (ED), Maho Okada

Staff Representatives: Amanda Abrams (Administration), Andrew Ho (Dental), Daisy Kler (MFC),
Kateryna Kozynets (UPCC), Mahmood Aziz (Pharmacy), Wendy Redhead (Medical)

Call to order: 5:30 pm

- Check-in with meeting attendees.

Business meeting starts: 6:00 pm

1. Preliminaries

Recognized that the meeting is taking place on unceded Coast Salish Territory.

Colleen shared what territorial recognition signifies to her: a recognition helps understand what happened in the past and reminds us there is still a long way to go.

Starting next month, each board director will take turn of territorial recognition. Kylie will do in May.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

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MOTION: That the minutes from March 10th 2020 be approved.

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2. Business Arising

a. In Plain Sight

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/613/2020/11/In-Plain-Sight-Full-Report.pdf>

Small group discussion of page 72-79 in the report took place and each person had the opportunity to share one sentence that is meaningful to them and explained why.

The Recommendations at the end of the report are now up to board committees to review and act on as accordingly.

b. Long-term funding for the Indigenous and Public Health work

MOTION: That the board of REACH CHC actively pursue long-term, stable funding for REACH programs currently not covered by VCH contracts, with priority given to Indigenous- specific programs, in the following, but not limited to, ways;

- a) letter writing to governments (provincial and federal),
- b) working in a coalition with community and provincial allies,
- c) holding public forums,
- d) lobbying political parties, MLAs and MPs,
- e) writing OP ed pieces for provincial papers.

M/S/C

3. Executive Director's Report – Written report

Health Equity and Engagement Service delivery model - In 2020, Indigenous program was supported by the BCACHC stabilization funding and Public Health program by CEWS. Through delivery of various workshops, meetings and activities, REACH was able to better understand the needs of the community during pandemic and adjusts as situation evolved rapidly. With this year learning and progress, we are now able to put together a concrete Health Equity and Engagement Service Delivery Model to expand on MFC.

Vaccination update – REACH’s website has been updated periodically to share the latest vaccination information. The Task Force is planning to reach out to medical patients directly when their age cohort is up and to answer their questions to support their booking if requested. Two pop up Indigenous vaccine clinics in collaboration with Britannia and VCH were held - 180 people were vaccinated.

Indigenous counsellors – Unfortunately the two counselors we met last month decided to take a contract with another organization and will not be available for REACH patients. We will reconnect with them in the end of Aug to see their availability. Meanwhile, the strategy focuses on enhancing partnerships with existing Indigenous organizations. More details will follow in the coming months.

4. Committee Reports

a. Executive (Colleen Fuller)- Verbal report
Executive met on April 12 and discussed a rotation of territorial recognition. Proposal for the second retreat was shared, which will include an outside presenter. The board of directors suggested the retreat to be scheduled in the beginning of July. Executive will follow up with the board this matter.

b. Human Resources (Una Walsh) – Written report

c. Finance (Kylie Ellis) – No report

d. Outreach (Bill Hood) - Verbal report
The committee discussed the meeting held by MLA Niki Sharma and Vancouver Coastal regarding North East UPCC. The membership form was revised and signed off. Maho will update the membership form in PDF fillable format.

MOTION: That REACH renew BC health coalition membership and pay annual membership fee of \$200. **M/S/C**

e. PPEC (Marian Dodds)- No report

f. Fundraising (Jane Turner) – Verbal report
Discussion was related to how to stabilize the Health Equity and Engagement service program funding.

g. Nominating (Emma Macklem) – No report

MOTION: That the board accepts the committee reports. **M/S/C**

5. **BC Association of Community Health Centre (BCACHC)** (Piotr Majkowski) - Written report
There will be one new CHC and one existing CHC receiving funding. The board suggested to bring a CHC physician to attend and share case studies at one of the meeting between Doctors of BC and BCACHC as well as to bring a practice guidance led by UBC.

MOTION: That REACH board ask in conjunction with BCACHC to conduct a meeting to discuss CHC development in East Vancouver area. **M/S/C**

6. **Announcements**

7. **Public session adjourned at 7:41pm**

8. **In-camera session**