

4. Next Steps:

a. Safe and Well Oxford Summary – goals and objectives review in relation to presentations from June 19th meeting

Sarah Hamulecki provided the committee with her comments to relation to the information that the Committee received at the last meeting from Domestic Abuse Services Oxford, Southwestern Public Health and Social Planning Council Oxford in connection with the Safe and Well Oxford goals and objectives.

b. Additional invitations/presentations to Safe and Well Oxford – which organizations to invite?

The Committee suggested that three additional stakeholders be invited to the meeting Safe and Well Oxford meeting in September, as follows:

- Domestic Abuse Response Team
- Youth Wellness Hub
- Operation Sharing

The Committee asked that this item be added as a standing item to agendas moving forward. This provides the committee with an opportunity to connect with stakeholders to learn more about their own priorities and challenges and how Safe and Well Oxford may be able to work with them to address these challenges.

c. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – draft Terms of Reference (attached) i. Importance of Pronouns

Ayesha Sajid provided the Committee with an update regarding the establishment of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Coalition. She advised that the Terms of Reference were nearing completion and that she and Sarah had interviewed several candidates for appointment to the Committee. She will provide the Committee with a further report and update once the committee composition has been finalized and first meeting date has been confirmed.

Discussion took place regarding this initiative and the importance of promoting education and awareness in this regarding to senior leaders within the County. Goals and objectives of Safe and Well Oxford in relation to DEI focus on promoting education and awareness and it was suggested that local municipalities be engaged in this dialogue.

relation to sexual assault. Forensic and follow-up care; individuals have to go to London for this support and treatment.

Additionally, laws in Canada surrounding immigration make it very challenging for an immigrant facing assault at home by their partner to leave. More public education and awareness is needed in this regard.

e. **City of Woodstock – Notice of Motion re: consumption and treatment services**

i. **Letter of support re: consumption and treatment services in Woodstock**

The Committee discussed that the proposed motion has resulted in a significant amount of response from the committee both in support of and opposed to a potential consumption and treatment facility in Woodstock. The notice of motion has since been withdrawn.

The Committee suggested that a letter of support be sent to Southwestern Public Health on behalf of the Committee in support of the continuation of the consultation process and exploration of a site within the City of Woodstock. Sarah Hamulecki will reach out to them to see if a representative would be willing to come to speak with the Committee about the next phase of the project (site consideration).

5. **Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, September 14th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Oxford County Administration Building

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.