



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 22nd, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Oxford County Administration Building
(Room 129)

1. Call the Meeting to Order (10:00 a.m.)

Randy Peltz, Tony Hymers, Kelly Black, Bernia Martin, Tina Diamond were absent. The Committee did not have quorum.

Guests: Lindsay Wilson – Deputy Mayor, Town of Ingersoll
Stephanie Ellens-Clark, Social Planning Council Oxford

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Metrics – update from Southwestern Public Health (Sarah Hamulecki)
Sarah shared information received from Southwestern Public Health regarding available data and metrics and how the available information connects to the Safe and Well Oxford Plan. She will share the document with the Committee. Discussion took place regarding need to include more data regarding feelings of safety and belonging. Sarah has reached out to DART for available data as well. Staff will follow up with police services as well to find out available data that may connect with the Safe and Well Oxford plan.
- Update to Area Municipalities – delegation request (Sarah Hamulecki)
Sarah and Marcus are working on scheduling delegations to area municipalities. Brief presentation of progress so far and opportunity for questions and answers – will be scheduled in June.

3. Action Coalition Updates (Round Table)

Oxford Housing Action Collaborative (Kelly Black) – written update provided

- Next meeting is April 25th virtually
- Initiatives discussed as focus for OHAC
 - Communications that would address NIMBY in our communities. Acknowledgement about who has what projects on the go pr services that would benefit from some additional communications, education and awareness activities
 - Speaking with United Way Oxford about topics for Community Conversations series they have – related to housing, homelessness, NIMBY etc.
 - Continuing to work with Tillsonburg Library on the education series that the library is leading and OHAC members are participating on. Perhaps there is opportunity to have this available in other libraries throughout Oxford County?
 - Supportive Housing sub-committee is meeting regularly. Last meeting there was talk about developing content to communicate what supportive housing is and break down some myths about it.
 - The topic of renoviction continues and looking at Hamilton bylaw to see if there may be any opportunity locally
 - Still seems to be a bit of adjustment in working with the SWO framework but were happy to attend the last meeting and are looking forward to more conversations to be able to support action in the space of Housing, homelessness
 - If anyone wants to attend the meeting Thursday morning or any future meeting you are welcome to reach out to myself or Stephanie and we can share the meeting details.

- Oxford Mental Health & Addictions Network (Randy Peltz)

No update at this time.

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Action Coalition (Ayesha Sajid)

Ayesha presented the draft inclusion charter for comments by the Committee. We hope to have formal adoption/approval at the next meeting. Julie to send to SWPH rep. A further document will be prepared to help guide DEI related initiatives.

- Domestic Abuse Response Team (Diane Harris)

Working on protocol development – two sessions taken place so far – another one is scheduled for May. Library display – healthy relationships. Youth groups taking place at Brightside Youth Hub on human trafficking. May – sexual violence prevention month (Boston Pizza fundraiser). Will be working with staff to respond to disclosures coming forward.

Julie will circulate training opportunities to area municipalities.

4. Next Steps:

a. United Way DEI Training Opportunity (attached)

Julie will circulate for information to area municipalities.

b. Location of Steering Committee Meetings (possible rotation)

Will travel be a barrier for everyone to attend. Will take more time for people to travel to meetings. Will need input from other committee members on this moving forward. May consider virtual option, live streaming.

c. Femicide Prevention Workshop Series (participation)

d. Website Update & Communication Plan - ongoing

e. Grant Funding Model/Criteria – ongoing

5. Upcoming Meeting Dates – Oxford County Administration Building – Room 129:

Monday, May 27th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 24th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 12th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 23rd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 28th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 1st, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (Safe and Well Oxford Summit)

Monday, November 25th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment (12:00 noon)

Resolution No. 3

Moved by:

Seconded by:

RESOLVED that the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee meeting adjourn at 11:29 a.m. to meet again on Monday, May 27th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried