

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcus Ryan at 10:02 a.m. and a quorum was present. Randy Peltz was absent.

Guests: Lindsay Wilson – Deputy Mayor, Town of Ingersoll

Sheri Vindasius, Operation Sharing

Stephanie Ellens-Clark, Social Planning Council Oxford

Justin DeWaard, Indwell

Kama Vandevyvere, Social Planning Council Oxford

Joanna Piatkowski, Ingamo Homes Jillaine Blair, Woodstock Hospital

## 2. Review of Agenda for meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Resolution No. 1 Moved by: Kelly Black

Seconded by: Bernia Martin

RESOLVED that the agenda for the Safe and Well Oxford Steering

Committee meeting of March 25th, 2024 be approved.

**DISPOSITON: Motion Carried** 

## 3. Review of Minutes of February 26th, 2024 meeting

Resolution No. 2 Moved by: Tina Diamond

Seconded by: Bernia Martin

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved as presented.

**DISPOSITON: Motion Carried** 

### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Oxford Housing Action Coalition Invitation Update (Stephanie Ellens-Clark)
  - Discussion took place regarding the relationship between the Oxford Housing Action Coalition and Safe and Well Oxford – it was noted that many priorities align with the Safe and Well Oxford Community Safety and Well-being Plan.
  - The workplace for 2024 was reviewed. Public education is required for supportive housing initiatives.
  - Eviction prevention and youth homelessness sub-committees have been formed. Looking at renoviction by-law from the City of Hamilton and are planning work re: education with landlords around this topic.
  - Encampment protocol is encouraged by area municipalities letters of support and position statements needed.
  - It was questioned how the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee may assist move work forward – promotional materials are needed and resources for printing costs. It was requested that supportive housing continues to be a priority in the annual County budget moving forward.
  - Support may be beneficial in relation to education and awareness campaigns. Area municipalities may assist in this regard if the information is shared with them – area municipalities may use their own communication channels to get messaging out.
  - The Oxford County communication team is working on developing a brand for Safe and Well Oxford to provide more communication and develop a newsletter – they may be able to assist with messaging as well.
  - Calls to action are intended to provide some goals and direction in relation to municipal policy on certain topics (housing, density).
  - Discussion took place regarding future funding opportunities and the need to ensure that funding aligns with the goals and objectives of the Safe and Well Oxford plan (details to come in the draft policy) – education and

- prevention focused.
- Safe and Well Oxford may also provide support in relation to advocacy and intergovernmental relations.
- Planet Youth Update (Sarah Hamulecki)

The Committee was advised that Southwestern Public Health was not successful in obtaining funding that they applied for this initiative. They will still be trying to move forward but funds/resources are limited.

## 5. Action Coalition Updates (Round Table)

- Oxford Housing Action Collaborative (Kelly Black) no further update at this time.
- Oxford Mental Health & Addictions Network (Randy Peltz) no update at this time.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Action Coalition (Ayesha Sajid)
  - o Minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (draft)

Ayesha Sajid provided the Committee with an update and advised that area municipal clerks were in attendance at the last meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. They were invited to provide comments in relation to the draft Inclusion Charter for Oxford – minimal feedback has been received at this point. The DEI Action Coalition will be discussing the development of a 'DEI rubric' to support the Inclusion Charter. Ayesha is working on this in advance of the next meeting in April. Discussion also took place regarding a possible annual report from area municipalities in relation to steps taken in support of DEI calls to action. Further comments regarding the draft Inclusion Charter are expected over the coming weeks (by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024).

Domestic Abuse Response Team (Diane Harris)

Diane Harris provided an update on behalf of the Domestic Abuse Response Team. She advised that the first Femicide Prevention Protocol meeting took place earlier this month and the second in the series will take place in early April. She commented on the need to raise awareness among youth about gender-based violence and human trafficking – a presentation will take place at Brightside Youth Hub. Some funding has been received for promotional and educational materials to be developed and purchased – this will highlight resources that are available in the community. The coordinator role is coming to an end due to lack of funding.

### 6. Next Steps:

#### a. Website Update & Communication Plan – update

Website host has switched over to be hosted directed by the County. There are still a few updates and improvements to be made – new updated and more local photos to be added. <a href="https://safewelloxford.ca/">https://safewelloxford.ca/</a>

Discussion took place regarding the need to add agendas and minutes to the website and whether or not this will be done for other action coalitions that are not directly connected to the County and the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee. Further consideration and discussion may need to take place. Other organizations, committees and tables do not have the same meeting requirements in relation to sharing agendas and meeting minutes publicly.

### b. Community Index of Well-being & Metrics - update

Sarah met with representatives from Southwestern Public Health to discuss available metrics and what information the committee is looking for. SWPH staff will review the Safe and Well Oxford Plan and, with the knowledge of the library of data that they have, they are going to provide some recommendations regarding data that may fit for the Committee's purposes. Data from policing and paramedic services may also be valuable to the committee. Sarah is investigating what is available at this point and then will work to fill in the gaps as needed.

## c. Grant Funding Model/Criteria – update

No update at this time. This is a county policy to be created by the County Corporate Services team – a component will be included that will be relevant to Safe and Well Oxford. Draft policy is anticipated by July, 2024.

## d. Update to Area Municipalities - update

This is intended to be another opportunity to engage with area municipalities. Sarah has requested Council meeting dates from area municipalities for May and June, 2024. The Inclusion Charter will be shared at that time. The Committee hopes to have some metrics available to share that time as well.

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

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

## 8. Adjournment (12:00 noon)

Resolution No. 3 Moved by: Bernia Martin

Seconded by: Ayesha Sajid

RESOLVED that the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee meeting adjourn at 11:29 a.m. to meet again on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**DISPOSITON: Motion Carried**