

# Minutes Seniors Advisory Committee Friday, August 2, 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West

**In Attendance:** Doug Stone, Penelope Petrie, Carolann Fernandes, Ann Elliott, Kamal Jain, Maureen McKeating, Vince Mercuri, Noor Nizam, Sarah Shallwani, Marian Toth, Sheryl Boblin, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Dahlia Petgrave, Jim McColl, David Broom.

**Absent with Regrets:** Jeanne Mayo, Barry Spinner, John Kennard, Marjorie Wahlman.

#### Also in Attendance:

Jessica Bowen, Diversity and Inclusion Office Dr. Ninh Tran, Public Health Jen Vickers-Manzin, Public Health

## **Welcome and Introductions**

P.Petrie welcomed everyone to the SAC committee.

## 1. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of items:

4.1 Ontario Health Coalition (C. Fernandes)

(K. Jain/A.Elliot)

That the agenda of August 2, 2019 be approved as amended.

# 2. Approval of Minutes July 6, 2019

(C. Fernandes/S.Shallwani)

That the minutes of July 6, 2019 be accepted as presented.

### 3. Presentations

3.1 Ninh Tran and Jen Vickers-Manzin, Public Health, Ontario Senior's Dental Care Program in Hamilton

N.Tran provided the Committee with an overview of the Seniors Dental Care Program, the information that Public Health has with respect program and the strategy to allocate those funds. The intention of sharing this information is to consult with the Committee to gather their feedback on the program and its implementation.

The Committee identified several items that should remain at the forefront with respect to this program:

- What services will be covered (specifically dental work for dentures, crowns, etcetera)
- How the funding is being allocated (service delivery versus administrative cost)
- Reaching seniors throughout the city (mobile or satellite locations)
- Connecting with seniors who are homeless
- Barriers such as language and completion of application forms.
- Leveraging medical professionals and community partners to build awareness of the program.
- Transportation costs
- Communication (how will the program become known to the Seniors population in the City).
- N. Tran advised that Public Health would like to return to SAC during the implementation phase to provide an update and share additional details (once they have been received)

Committee member Noor Nizam, requested to submit information in response to the content shared during the meeting.

## 4. Other Business

- 4.1 Ontario Health Coalition
- C. Fernandes provided an update.

# 5. Adjournment

(C. Fernandes/S. Boblin)

## **Next Meeting**

Friday, September 6, 2019