



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022 @ 2:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Baumgartner, Stephen Bird, Cynthia Carver, Maddy Dever, Carole Devine, Deborah Duffy, Jean Dunning, William Enright, Sharon Mousseau, Kim O'Connor, Richard Schooley, Thomas Todd

Staff: Jane Coyle, Morgan Hawn, John Jordan, Carol Anne McNeil, Brenda Powers Ross, Sarah Sark, Becky Walker (resource)

Regrets: Lindsay Jackson Derraugh

- 1.0 **Welcome:** Deborah welcomed everyone, read the land acknowledgement statement, and called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- 2.0 **Presentation by Sarah Sark:** Sarah presented a brief introduction of herself to Board members with a PowerPoint presentation.
- 3.0 **Approval of agenda:** Agenda approved, with one modification: Deborah asked that item 7.2 *Communication from Climate Network Lanark* be moved to after item 14.0 *Alliance Board Liaison report*, as Maddy had a scheduling conflict and would be joining the meeting later.
- 4.0 **Conflict of interest:** No conflict of interest declared.
- 5.0 **Approval of minutes from March 1, 2022:** Minutes approved as presented.
- 6.0 **Business arising from minutes:** No business arising from minutes of last meeting.
- 7.0 **New business**
 - 7.1 **Communication from Climate Network Lanark:** Maddy spoke to the recent communication from the Climate Network Lanark. CNL is a member of the County's Climate Action Plan committee. The group seeks support for a campaign to set targets to cut Lanark County's emissions in half by 2030. The letter is asking organizations to indicate their support for the 50% reduction target by sending the campaign to members, and signing on to officially support the target reduction. Signing on means that



ConnectWell's name would be added to a list of supporting organizations that would be visible to the public, and included in campaign materials. The Board discussed concerns regarding committing to achieving the 50% target, as well as the implications of supporting a political stance. It was determined that without specific wording the Board is not able to issue a statement of support at this time. Maddy will get more information and report back to the Board, with further discussion at next month's meeting. Deborah to circulate the directive from CRA to charities regarding political action.

- 8.0 Board workplan:** No workplan items for March.
- 9.0 Ontario Health Teams report:** Included in Operations report.
- 10.0 Operations report:** Sarah presented the Operations report. The group discussed the waiting list in Renfrew and the lack of physicians in the area. John confirmed that there is active recruitment, but not enough funding.
- 11.0 Healthier Community Committee report:** William presented the March 1 meeting minutes and reported on the work of the committee.
- 12.0 Nominating Committee report:** Jean presented the March 10 meeting minutes and reported on the work of the committee.
- 13.0 Governance Committee report:** Stephen presented the March 8 meeting minutes and reported on the work of the committee. He reminded Board members of the Alliance conference June 8-9 and asked that anyone interested in attending please let Becky know so she can register. The Board decided to hold the ConnectWell Annual Meeting on June 28 at 3:00 p.m., with a joint Finance Committee/Board meeting on June 14 at 1:00 p.m. (prior to Governance Committee meeting) to review and approve the audited financial statements. Becky to confirm availability with Amy. The Governance Committee recommends that strategic planning proceed, and also that ConnectWell retain CCA and continue with the accreditation process. The Board agreed to all recommendations by the committee.
- 14.0 Alliance Board Liaison report:** Maddy reviewed the Alliance draft strategic plan and noted feedback provided by Board members; suggestions will be taken to the Alliance.
- 15.0 Availability for cheque signing:** Board signatories are available to sign cheques as required.



16.0 Generative discussion: Deborah explained the rationale for bringing the report to the Board on proposed actions in response to the annual Board survey. The Governance Committee had reviewed the report and recommended bringing it to the Board for consideration. Deborah asked the Board for approval for Governance to move forward with the action items outlined in the report. The Board approved. Governance to discuss at the April meeting and report back to the Board.

Before adjourning, Deborah noted that this is John's final Board meeting. She thanked him for his service and Board members wished John all the best in his future endeavours. John thanked the group for their kind words and noted that the organization is well positioned under the capable guidance of Sarah as the incoming CEO.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02.

17.0 Next meeting: April 26, 2022 @ 3:00 on Zoom
Staff presentation to take place @ 2:30 p.m.*
**Board attendance is voluntary*