



Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency Board Meeting SPECIAL MEETING

Teleconference 1-866-969-8429 | Conference ID# 9170065

April 30, 2020

MINUTES

In Attendance: Ted Blondin – Chairperson
Alex Nitsiza – Vice Chairperson and Whati Representative
Henry Gon – Gameti Representative
Noella Kodzin – Wekweeti Representative

Executive & Staff: Shannon Barnett-Aikman – Chief Executive Officer
Sara Nash – Director of Health and Social Services Programs
Linsey Hope – Director of Education
Rose Jiang – Director of Finance & Corporate Services

Regrets Janita Etsemba – Behchokǫ Representative

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

Opening Prayer – Opening Prayer led by Chairperson, Ted Blondin.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

To perform good governance, TCSA Board meetings begin with a declaration of any real or perceived conflict of interest by board members. Conflict of interest declarations help ensure public confidence in the Board as they make decisions that affect strategic and financial actions of the TCSA. Conflict of interest declarations are recorded in the meeting's minutes.

No conflicts of interest were declared relevant to the agenda for this meeting of April 30, 2020.

Approval of Agenda

This is a special meeting specifically to review the NWT system-wide COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan for Health Services.

Be it resolved that the Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the agenda for April 30, 2020 as presented. Moved by Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Henry Gon. Motion Carried Unanimously.



Current Status of COVID-19 – CPHO Presentation c/o Sara Nash

Presentation provided

Next Phase – Risks, Mitigation, Resumption of Other Services, PPE c/o Shannon Barnett-Aikman

TCSA Board recommendation – reduce from 14 days required in self-isolation centers perhaps. People are struggling to have to stay in 14 days.

Concerns remain regarding the liquor stores remaining open. Strong feeling that the liquor stores being open are not helping communities.

Coroner's work and whether there is information that might be gathered specific to alcohol-related deaths during COVID.

- Dashboard re: social determinants of health impact during time of COVID vs pre-COVID, etc. Data to be shared with the TCSA Board when it becomes available.

Pandemic Plan Update – Communications and Enforcement Updates c/o Shannon Barnett-Aikman

Epidemiological model – delays and progress. Directly informs finalization of workforce planning element of the pandemic plan.

Communication plan being developed for quick dissemination once the plan is approved to be shared.

- TCSA wishes to share the heart of that information in Tlicho as well as English once it's publicly available.

June Board Meeting planning:

- Plan for 2-3 hours of teleconferences per day rather than full day teleconferences. This means a more streamlined process.
- Will plan a very plain-speak presentation of the audited financial statements, recognizing that it will be challenging to navigate via teleconference.
- Funding implications for COVID
- Meeting materials for June Board meeting: need to ensure its ready well in advance given that it will be a teleconference and members would like to be able to review the materials in advance.
 - o TCSA to connect with board members early June to arrange for shipment for hard copy of board materials.

Education Updates

- Online learning opportunities via the Moodle platform are being made available (it uses less bandwidth than Google platforms and other online learning means); print packages remain the most popular way in which families are choosing to access continued student learning.



- Parents and students were able to access the schools to pick-up their belongings.
- Taking direction from ECE re: grading and reporting for year-end marks for students.
- Continuing to support TG food hamper programs ... using the school food programs funding to purchase *healthy foods* and deliver it to TG as part of their community food hamper programs. We are not flowing the funding to TG, but are doing the purchasing directly and having the food shipped to TG. (Reporting requirements as well as capacity).
- Working to have SLP and Counselling services back up and running via virtual means.
- Mass gatherings will be cancelled for the spring so seeking alternate graduation plans, etc. for the Fall based on additional direction from CPHO.

Q & A

Whati Board Member: Concerns regarding addictions and counselling needs in the communities. Many community members needing to access services in these areas. Dene Nation actively sought support from other provinces – particularly in BC. Example of what was done in Alkali Lake, BC and how that might inform what we're able to do in the Tlicho region. Alec would like this added to ongoing TCSA Board meetings to think creatively about what we can do to support addictions treatments in our region. Don't want to overstep the Dene Nation or other Indigenous Governments who may already be exploring these steps. Chief Daniels attended a TCSA meeting last year and was very vocal on the need for additional addictions and counselling supports in our region.

Chairperson: Need for additional healing and grieving supports.

- TCSA will seek to contract an entity to gather additional information and to develop a proposal for what might be possible in partnership with Tlicho Government or other
- Direct staff to have a follow-up meeting if they have a group in place from TG or others to do some follow-up on this issue. There has to be a way to make sure we don't overstep other governments and groups.

Gameti Board Member: Concern about emergency response: have equipment in health center but if never have run or operated it then the time it takes to use it will cause delays in giving service during emergency, need for familiarity with operations and under direction from doctor, lucky other equipment available, ultimately too much time between report and service.

- RESPONSE: ACTION: Sara to follow up with review and provide response to board, emergency response and targeted response, and in general the process to respond to emergencies (LARGER quality discussion around emergency responses)

Wekweeti Board Member: Seconds this need for review of practice, training, and quality concern.

Chairperson: Who is responsible, and need for larger review

Gameti Board Member: staff and community want to thank them




Chairperson: Ted concern COVID - what if very large number of deaths, there are plans under pandemic plan, want to see a review of these plans with appropriate staff, so that no situations with unprepared, no action requested to board but asked that staff have opportunity to review these plans.

Motion to Adjourn

This special meeting of the TCSA Board was adjourned April 30, 2020 at 12:45pm.

Be it resolved that the TCSA Board adjourns the meeting on April 30, 2020 at 12:45pm. Moved by Alex Nitsiza. Seconded by Henry Gon. Motion Carried Unanimously.



Chairperson Signature

June 24, 2020

Date



Chief Executive Officer Signature

June 24, 2020

Date