

**Wellness Strategy Group  
Meeting Agenda & Notes**



**Chair:** Michael D. Pelletier, CEO  
**Recorder:** Michael Pelletier  
**Location:** Zoom Conference Call, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Order	Agenda Topics	Person(s) Responsible
1.	Agenda Overview – request to add additional items	All
2.	Client Support and Navigation	Addictions Workers
3.	Prevention	Recreation Coordinator, Cultural Coordinator, Restorative Justice Coordinator
4.	Political and Governance Actions	Chief Executive Officer
5.	Wraparound Services and Facilities for Wellness	Director of Health and Community Services

Roll Call: Renee Pervais, Cheryl St James, Desiree Morriseau Shields, Charlene Bannon, Tina Bourtolon, Rebecca Arthur

**1. Agenda Overview-Opening Prayer-** Michael Pelletier

- Agenda Additions: how to deal with potential road blocks the group could potentially be experiencing.

**2. Client Support & Navigation-** Addictions Workers

- No update

**3. Prevention-** Recreation Coordinator, Cultural Coordinator, Restorative Justice Coordinator

- Renee states that Megan is still trying to setup meeting on survey of community treatment programs and potential ways to get more of them completed.

**4. Political and Governance Actions-** Chief Executive Officer

- Mike summarizes Wellness Strategy Group Report to Council:

- Requests examples of what messaging should be. Council wants group to make recommendations and bring back to council to choose from. Message should be around Drug Dealers and not wanting them in the community. Message needs punch.
- Councillor states there was a trailer allocated for after care program?
- Council discusses Eye in the sky takes place, there was quotes presented in past that was about \$400,000.
- Good comment from Council: if we stop the demand for drugs, the dealers won't want to be here. How do we get people to dream again?
- Discussion takes place on billboard messaging. Renee states there is youth developed signage that Loretta potentially has.
  - It needs to call out drug dealers, but be helpful at the same time.
  - Don't tolerate but love all people who are struggling.
- How do we get to drug dealers on reserve?
  - Potentially APS campaign to youth on small drug possession to let them know APS is present in community.

#### **5. Wraparound Services and Facilities for Wellness-**

- Safe house, potential funding can come from Jordan's principle. Carol Roward assisted with this application in the past and may be approached for assistance. Tina B. states health Canada could also provide funding. LHIN overflow funding.

#### **6. Other agenda items**

- Road Blocks Agenda Item:
  - Agenda item stems from recent band member passing who had addictions issues. They were trying to get into treatment, didn't get funding as it was too costly. Health did look into but found it hard to contact band member.
  - Navigation of mental health and addiction support services in Thunder Bay is very hard to navigate.
  - NIHB only covers treatment close to home.
  - Advocacy needs to takes place with ISC on getting places running. Maybe have Chief and Council letter to ISC about funding to create access to help us.
  - Day programs not hitting need.