



COAGB TELECONFERENCE MEETING August 13th, 2021 Informal Summary Notes

DATE: Friday August 13th, 2021 @ 9:30 AM (meeting held via teleconference call)

PRESENT: Tanya S., Sharron C., David B., Randy H., Frank E., Pamela Mc., Meri-Diane C., Jan C., Lynn S., Muriel S., Debbie F., Amber S., Stephanie L., Wally H., Dave W., Mary-Beth L., Sandra H., Doug W., Linda I., Karla T.

GUESTS: Megan Garland, Director, LTC & Senior Services, Bruce County
Stephanie L. and the Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy & Action Plan
Consultant's workshop to gather input on the AFC Strategy & Action Plan

REGRETS: Colleen B., Loretta D., Ed P., Sandra P.

Tanya S., Chair of the COAGB welcomed all those on the call and welcomed our guests.

PRESENTATION: Megan Garland, Director, LTC & Senior Services, Bruce County presented how her job evolved and what is expected going forward. Megan oversees the operation of Brucelea Haven in Walkerton and Gateway Haven in Wiarton. Her position also involves more work on senior services within Bruce County. Megan discussed and answered questions regarding effects of the pandemic on Long Term Care and governance in general.

WORKSHOP: Stephanie L. introduced the WSP Consultant team for the Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy & Action Plan. The consultants led the COAGB members and partners through the workshop on numerous subjects of interest regarding age friendly initiatives. Much of the discussion was similar to the 8 Elements of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Age Friendly Community criteria. Very robust conversations around the topics and very informative workshop. Thanks to Stephanie L. for setting up this opportunity for the COAGB to have input into the Grey County Age Friendly planning.

WALLY H. 1st VICE CHAIR & COAGB COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

Communications:

- ❖ Local CAC's: Please see individual representative's reports.
- ❖ July Newsletter: Posted in the Board Meetings section with the latest updates & news.
- ❖ Community Safety & Well-Being Planning Advisory Committee: Please click on the CSWBP website link for any updated information. <https://cswbp-brucegrey.ca>
- ❖ Grey County: Pam McD has been elected to represent COAGB at the Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan committee. Pam will be the liaison between COAGB and the Grey County Committee.

Meeting Schedule:

- ❖ July 26th David & Wally met with Connie B. & Dave W. at Saugeen Shores Chantry Centre in Southampton. Dave W. will be the Saugeen Shores CAC representative.
- ❖ August 13th Virtual Meeting via teleconference call w/CAC Members and Partners. Guest speaker is Megan Garland, Director of LTC & Senior Services, Bruce County. Followed by a workshop with Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy & Action Plan consultants.
- ❖ September 10th Virtual Meeting via teleconference call w/CAC Members and Partners. Guest speaker is Tanya Roberts, Coordinator, Community Safety & Well-Being Plan.
- ❖ October 8th COAGB Meeting @ ALCGB w/ CAC Members & Partners. Guest speaker is Steve Musehl, Executive Director, Home & Community Support Services.
- ❖ November 12th COAGB Meeting @ ALCGB w/CAC Members & Partners. This will be a Strategic Planning session to map out our plans moving forward into the future.
- ❖ December 10th COAGB Meeting @ ALCGB w/CAC Members & Partners. Christmas gathering to finalize 2021 and move forward into 2022.

DAVID B. BROCKTON (PINKERTON) & COAGB TREASURER'S REPORT & OACA REP:

Treasurer Report:

Carryover from 2020	2201.91	
OACA Membership Fee 2021	100.00	Receipt received
Donation ALSCGB	100.00	Receipt received
<u>Balance</u>	July 31, 2021	2001.91

OACA (Ontario Association of Councils on Aging):

- Planning and Development Committee – I am on this committee and one of our tasks, is to develop a Planning Guide (Tool Kit) that will layout a road map of how to startup new Councils on Aging. We have a Masters Student, Isha Dadhwal, from Brock University to help develop this Planning Guide and assist with further development to our Website to enhance our capability to share information with and receive info from our local COAs and others.

I will be working on Objective 2, Collaborate with other Councils on Aging by:

- a) sharing learnings
 - b) sharing/supporting with virtual meeting tools.
- At our last meeting we confirmed our intent to build a Relationship with the SSAO (Seniors for Social Action Ontario). I was working with Kay Wigle (SSAO Communications Coordinator) to develop this agreement, but Kay passed away August 4th from a tragic accident at her home, so I'm working through Dr. Patricia Spindel (co founder of SSAO) to get another contact.
 - Next Meeting of OACA is Sept 1st
 - Saving our OHIP insured Eye Care: Please take a look at the attached sample letter to MPPs. 96% of Ontario Optometrists have voted to withdraw OHIP services as of Sept. 1, 2021, due to the longstanding underfunding of this program by the Ontario Government. Currently, the Government covers 55% of the eye exam cost and the remaining 45% is absorbed by the Optometrist' Clinics. Optometrists have declared this arrangement unsustainable.
 - Actions from Aug. 4th Meeting –
 1. Follow up to see how many COAGB Members have written their MPPs regarding the Eye Care program for seniors.
 2. Mention – With a fall elections looming, it was suggested that each COA Member develop a Candidates Brief, detailing the issues that Seniors face in their area, (Grey Bruce for us) and make sure all candidates are fully aware of these seniors' issues.

ROUNDTABLE

No roundtable discussions were held due to the workshop activities.

Please have your reports ready for the next meeting.

NEXT COAGB MEETING: Friday September 10th, 2021 @ 9:30 AM Virtual Meeting via teleconference call.