



COAGB TELECONFERENCE MEETING **June 10th, 2022 Informal Summary Notes**

DATE: Friday June 10th, 2022 @ 9:30 AM

PRESENT: Tanya S, Wally H, David B, Jan C, Doug W, Pam Mc, Randy H, Frank E, Muriel S, Meri-Diane C, Lynn S.

GUESTS: Maurice Voisin BSW, MSW; Executive Director; South-East Grey Support Services, 774292 Hwy 10 North, Flesherton, ON. N0C 1E0; phone (519) 924-2020; fax (519) 924-3575; email: mvoisin@segss.com

REGRETS: Debbie F, Loretta D, Rachel T, Sandra H, John T, Sharron C.

Tanya S., COAGB Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our guest speaker Maurice Voisin.

PRESENTATION: Guest Speaker: Maurice Voisin the Executive Director of South-East Grey Support Services provided an overview of SEGSS and the services and programs that SEGSS has been providing in the field of Developmental Services. South-East Grey Support Services (SEGSS) started in 1961 in Dundalk by a group of parents and concerned community members. Focussed on education first as this was a time when children with Developmental Disabilities were not accepted by the local schools. Joined Community Living Ontario (CLO) in late 60's. We are a charitable non-profit agency with a volunteer Board of Directors. Started group homes and sheltered workshop in the 70's. Had an agency review with some leading thinkers in Developmental Services mid 80's and Board developed a 5- 7 year plan to move to individualized supports. Phased out group homes by asking people where they want to live and with whom. Closed sheltered workshop in Markdale early 90's when some were opening across Ontario. Provided supports locally where the person lived for employment and volunteer work. Provide supports mainly in Markdale, Dundalk, Durham, Flesherton and surrounding areas. We have 23 homes. No more than 2 people we support live in these homes, and each has their own apartment/unit and separate entrance. One 24 – hour staffed home. 15 of these homes has a monitoring family who provide overnight supports as needed. A friendly-neighbour model. In existence over 30 years. Serve approximately 110 adults with Down Syndrome, Autism, Fetal

Alcohol Syndrome, Deaf-Blindness, etc. Some have a co-existing mental health condition. Approximately 130 staff (90 Full time and 40 part time). We don't have any group homes or sheltered workshop. We find people we support do very well when living in the least intrusive setting. Can make decisions like choosing to go to bed early or late, eat when they want, watch what they want on tv, have friends visiting etc. Focus on the person's strengths. Nurture independence. Use fleet or dedicated vehicles, volunteer drivers and local taxis.

ROUNDTABLE:

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

- ❖ Local CAC's: Please see individual representative's reports.
- ❖ May Meeting Summary: Posted in the Board Meetings section with the latest news & updates.
- ❖ Community Safety & Well-Being Planning Advisory Committee: Randy H is the representative on the CS&WBPA. <https://cswbp-brucegrey.ca>
- ❖ Grey County: Pam McD is the representative on the Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan Committee.

Meeting Schedule:

- ❖ May 24th – Grey Bruce Healthy Communities Partnership Conference meeting.
- ❖ May 27th – Grey Bruce Healthy Communities Partnership meeting.
- ❖ June 2nd – Ontario Provincial Election.
- ❖ June 10th – Virtual meeting via teleconference call w/ CAC Members & Partners. Guest speaker is Maurice Voisin, Executive Director, South-East Grey Support Services. Maurice has been the Executive Director since 2010. He will provide an overview of the services and programs that SEGSS has been providing in the field of Developmental Services.
- ❖ June 13th - Grey Bruce Healthy Communities Partnership Conference meeting.
- ❖ June 24th - Grey Bruce Healthy Communities Partnership meeting.
- ❖ July 8th - Virtual meeting via teleconference call w/ CAC Members & Partners. Guest speaker is Pam Hillier, Community Connections/211. Pam will discuss 211 and their services, etc.
- ❖ August 12th - Virtual meeting via teleconference call w/ CAC Members & Partners.
- ❖ September 9th - Virtual meeting via teleconference call w/ CAC Members & Partners.
- ❖ October 14th - Virtual meeting via teleconference call w/ CAC Members & Partners.
- ❖ October 24th – Municipal Elections.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Carried forward from 2021 ** \$1751.91

Jan. 21st, 2022 ** \$100.00 OACA Membership Fee

Current Balance June, 2022 ** \$1651.91

OACA (Ontario Association of Councils on Aging):

Sharron attended the May 18th, Annual General Meeting (AGM) for me and gave a really good update for COAGB.

No new meetings are planned until July.

SHARRON C. - NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA & COAGB 2nd VICE CHAIR: The NBP Age-Friendly Environmental Initiative Recognition Certificate is receiving great press.

FRANK E. - RTOERO REP & COAGB SECRETARY: The RTOERO Foundation's Better Care Campaign is again raising funds to support research and training for geriatrics and gerontology. District 10 approved a donation to Grey Roots to support a breakfast program for children's summer camps. RTOERO Advocacy will focus on informing and engaging municipal candidates.

RANDY H. - KINCARDINE SENIOR'S ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KASAAC) & COAGB MEMBER AT LARGE: Randy reported that Wally and Dave joined him at a housing planning meeting. On June 29th, Bruce Power will be hosting a Wellness Breakfast. Come out and hear Loretta D speak.

LYNN S. - GREY HIGHLANDS SAC & COAGB MEMBER AT LARGE: Lynn reluctantly stepped away from the Executive of the Owen Sound Active Life Styles Centre. She promoted a barbecue and yard sale to be held there on June 18th. The SAC will meet ever second month. Lynn champions the partnership with Grey Highlands Council and Saugeen Transportation and the success of the post card promotion. Good luck in your campaign to become a councillor for Grey Highlands, Lynn.

JAN C. - OWEN SOUND SAC: Jan identified her two priorities as Glassworks and her garden. The lack of affordable and attainable housing remains critical. Glassworks has received a New Horizons grant that will be used at "picnics" held throughout the region for people to gather outdoors and discuss their answers to the question, "What kind of housing do you want?" Stay tuned for locations, times and dates.

PAM Mc. - TOWN OF BLUE MOUNTAINS & BVO: The Age Friendly Community Strategic and Action Plan needs staff to move forward as Stephanie Lacey-Avon will be leaving on maternity leave.

MERI-DIANE C. - MEAFORD: Meri-Diane looks forward to meeting with the 55+ Club in September. She attended, in person, a meeting of the Women's Institute at the new Meaford Pubic Library. Congratulations on your 60th wedding anniversary and being presented with a document of recognition from Queen Elizabeth II and the Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon.

MURIEL S. - SOUTHGATE SAC: Met on June 9 for a regular meeting. The Seniors Health Fair Planning Committee has also been meeting monthly to coordinate and plan the Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 event. The Seniors Health Fair plans are coming along well and include 8 information sessions, almost 40 exhibitors (maximum will be 50), St. John's Ambulance therapy

dogs, a Tai Chi demonstration, and free lunch. Maurice Voisin, Executive Director, South-East Grey Support Services; will be moderating a housing panel and will also provide a session on the recent consultations concerning alternatives to LTC for people.

LORETTA D, - VON & HANOVER SAC: Things continue to open slowly for VON. SMART classes are now in a catch 22 situation as some sites don't have enough SMART volunteers to re-open. If anyone has any ideas for how to reach potential SMART volunteers (need volunteers all over Grey Bruce), I would love to hear them! A question about different fairs, specifically seniors fair in Owen Sound that used to be held every June. Has anyone heard whether it might still be happening this year? I received word this week that the Health Fair (for all ages) normally held in March in Owen Sound each year has been cancelled permanently. Hanover Age Friendly Committee – we are close to completing our Age Friendly Business Directory. If anyone would like to see who is on this committee, what we've accomplished, etc., it's all on this page: www.hanover.ca/age-friendly-hanover

DOUG W. - ARRAN ELDERSLIE SAC & UNITED SENIOR CITIZENS OF ONTARIO (USCO) REP. Doug thanked Sharron C for her outstanding initiative with Age Friendly Recognition Certificates. The local USCO will be holding their annual picnic in Tara on August 11th.

NEXT COAGB MEETING: Friday July 8th, 2022 @ 9:30 AM via teleconference call.