

## **AODA Council**

June 21, 2018  
TG RFE 1S-415  
12:30 – 2:00 pm

### **MINUTES**

#### Present:

Jacqueline Silvera (Chair)  
Dianne Barham  
Charmaine Valbuena-Ayson  
Tim Tripp  
Erin Culhane  
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient  
Partner)  
Millie Dolanjski (UHN Patient  
Partner)  
Jane Ballantyne  
Ellen Rosenberg  
Maria Anna Calamia

#### Regrets

Ian McDermott  
Khaula, Mangla  
Paul Martin  
Claudia Ortins  
Elaine Chan  
Stephen Black  
Miriam Beckles  
Noel Brunger  
Jamie Cook  
Caroline Ouellette  
Jeanette MacLean  
Samantha McCourt  
Katie Harris (UHN  
Patient Partner)

#### Invitees:

Athena Nicholas (recorder)  
Amy Spear (LIFEspan Service)

### **1. Minutes**

The minutes of April 19, 2018 were reviewed and accepted.

### **2. Project Search Initiative (Amy Spear)**

Project Search is a globally successful initiative helping people with disabilities acquire competitive employment. Students with developmental disabilities/autism are immersed in training through internships at a worksite in their final year of high school with the intention of securing employment. Current statistics indicate that 75.5% of these graduates have been successfully employed through this transition to work program.

The goal at UHN is to get Project Search up and running as a host business for the GTA for September 2019, which means formalizing partnerships by October 2018 and starting recruitment by January 2019.

The Council has approved the recommendation to bring Project Search to UHN and has determined that additional information is needed to create a foundation to support the initiative and ensure sustainability. AS a result an AODA sub- group will be formed to assist with discussions pertaining to logistics and implementation, and ultimately secure endorsement from executive sponsor, Emma Pavlov.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 19- 12:30 - 2:00 pm**