



AODA Council
October 19, 2017
TG RFE 1S-415
12:30 – 2:00 am

MINUTES

Present:

Jacqueline Silvera (Chair)
Dianne Barham
Kelly Campbell
Scott Patterson
Charmaine Valbuena-Ayson
Stephen Black
Tim Trip
Paul Martin
Erin Culhane
Jonas Fernandes
Vivian Cheng (for Jeanette MacLean)
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient Partner)
Millie Dolanjski (UHN Patient Partner)
Katie Harris (UHN Patient Partner)
Rochelle Richards (Staffing Intern)

Regrets

Ian McDermott
Shelley Pinto
Jeanette MacLean
Miriam Beckles
Noel Brunger
Melissa McDermott
Jamie Cook
Ellen Rosenberg

Invitees:

Athena Nicholas, Recorder
David Chan – Project Manager
Jayne Grills – Project Manager

1. Minutes

The minutes of September 21, 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

2. New Digital X-ray Installation (David Chan)

David provided the Council with a brief overview of the x-ray fleet replacement project which spans across all four UHN sites. The current aging equipment will be replaced by a newer Carestream model which allows multi-axial movement to accommodate patient limitations, size, and positioning.

AODA areas of focus include:

- Path of travel into the Scan Room for Patients have clearances for stretchers, wheelchairs, and walking aids (existing).

- Creating a safe and “less clinical” environment through careful selection of finishes.
- Ergonomics and functionality considerations for Control Room counters and impact to staff daily routines or work flow.
- Accessories mounting heights for Patients & Staff in Scan Rooms.
- Storage flexibility – built in case work or modular systems with adjustable shelving are considered.
- Enhance space with use of ‘smart’ lighting to supplement functional lighting.

The Council recommended that accessibility sensitizing should take place at the same time as staff training. The Council also expressed concerns about the width of doors within the Control Rooms. Charmaine will take these concerns back to the project leads and provide the Council with an update.

3. TGH Eaton Revolving Door (Jayne Grills)

Jayne provided the Council with an outline of the Eaton entrance architectural plans.

The scope of work includes:

- Phase One: Replacement of the automatic revolving door (October 25, 2017 – mid/end of January 2018)
- Phase Two: Addition of full swing doors on either side of revolving door (Expected completion by end of February 2018)

Safety features outlined included:

- The operation of the sliding door can be customized to suit special requirements.
- Pressing the disabled switch will cause the door to rotate at slow speed during one revolution.
- Signage for detours will be posted while door is inoperable.

The Council expressed concerns regarding the location of emergency buttons and the installment of a vertical bar to better assist patients with varying needs. The Council will approve this design pending confirmation of these two requirements.

4. AODA Patient Guide Distribution (Erin Culhane)

The Council brainstormed ideas for more effective AODA Patient Guide distribution. The current practice involves ordering from an external vendor, distributing to patient libraries across all sites and mailing to floor managers.

The Council addressed the need for the inclusion of “assistance required” cards within guides, the cost effective benefit of ordering through our own print shop and the need for both an online and audio version.

Erin & Kelly volunteered to update pamphlets to include a list of accessible washrooms, the hearing toolkit and a new CEO message.

The Council determined that attending site leadership meetings to discuss patient guides would be an effective method for future education and distribution.

5. Staff Hand Hygiene (Stephen Black)

Stephen addressed conflicting requirements regarding the installation of accessible sinks. The sinks currently being installed apply to infection control requirements regarding height and depth but do not meet AODA requirements.

Jacqueline and Tim have volunteered to engage in a scan of peer facilities to determine how they have accommodated these conflicting needs.

Jacqueline will also be sending an email to the SDC who are creating new accessibility standards to introduce this issue as a talking point.

6. Upcoming Meeting with Executive Sponsor

Members of the Council will be meeting with Emma Pavlov, EVP of Human Resources and Organizational Development, to provide an update on activities and discuss future organization.

These members will report out to the rest of the Council at the next AODA Council Meeting.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 12:30 -2:00 pm