

AODA Council

July 19, 2018
TG RFE 1S-415
12:30 – 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Present:

Jacqueline Silvera (Chair)
Dianne Barham
Charmaine Valbuena-Ayson
Erin Culhane
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient Partner)
Millie Dolanjski (UHN Patient Partner)
Vivian Cheng (on behalf of Jeanette)
Maria Anna Calamia
Tim Tripp
Katherine McDonald
Stephen Black
Elaine Chan
Ellen Rosenberg

Regrets

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

Invitees:

Athena Nicholas (recorder)
Jessica Fullerton (IPC Construction Lead)
Samantha Correia (Student Coordinator, FM-PRO)

1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of June 21, 2018 were reviewed and accepted.

2. Sink Specification for UHN-AODA Requirements

Jessica Fullerton (Infection Prevention and Control) presented to the Council, the increasing need for hand hygiene sinks at UHN to help prevent the spread of infections caused by recontamination from splashing. Separate and distinct from utility and lavatory sinks, it is a requirement for these sinks to offer hands-free operation.

Jessica highlighted that popular hand hygiene sinks currently use foot pedals and thus are not AODA compliant. She further presented to the Council newer sinks on the market that meet both infection control and AODA requirements. The Council supported and endorsed a trial of these newer hand hygiene sinks with stakeholders. Findings will be reported back to the Council.

3. AODA Strategic Forward

Jacquie invited today's group to think about the strategic underpinnings of the AODA Council, specifically why we are doing this work and what is required from UHN's senior leaders to effectively carry it out. Shifting to a strategic mindset, she highlighted the four main elements of the Council's work: Education, Infrastructure (i.e. Master Planning), Strategic Planning, and Enforcement. Jacquie also asked the group to start thinking about an AODA Council "tag line" and awareness strategies.

Jacquie proceeded to provide the Council with AODA updates. Such updates included Project Search, AccessON – Education certification and an accessibility audit for our UHN website.

Charmaine also provided an update on the UHN Accessibility Audit. Bob Topping has been hired to carry out accessibility consulting services. The scope of his work include:

- Accessibility audit for all the public entrances for all UHN sites.
- Accessibility audit for all washrooms and push buttons in floor that have entrances.
- Identify current state.
- Provide recommendations for improvement.
- Create industry leading AODA standards for building entrances and public washrooms for UHN.

4. UHN Accessibility Guidelines

Elaine Chan and Samantha Correia presented a proposal for the creation of a tracking database of UHN Accessibility Guidelines to be used as a reference tool for Space Planning Projects. The reference guide would be owned and managed by the Facilities Management- Planning, Redevelopment and Operations department (FM-PRO) and would capture Council discussions, recommendations, and rationale outcomes. This would allow developers to stay informed about the accessibility standards (physical built-environment components only) at UHN and provide consistent guidance for space planning designs.

It was proposed that the reference guide be used as a "living document" with ongoing updates to ensure it remains relevant and up-to-date. Meeting outcomes, related to UHN Accessibility criteria, would be captured into the tool by FM-PRO, AODA Council members Elaine or Samantha. A live read-only version would be accessible via OneDrive.

The Council supported and endorsed the undertaking of this project and will now add "Accessibility Issue" as a standing AODA Council agenda item, as needed.

The Council will revisit this item at the next AODA meeting to discuss its practical applications further.

5. Service Animal Policy/Guideline

Service Animals Stewart and Dianne will lead a subcommittee that will build on the tracer exercise and create an experiential learning product about the importance of service animals to their handlers (People with Disabilities), roles and responsibilities. This learning will be based on collaboration with all partners.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 16-12:30 -2:00 pm