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