

AODA Council

September 20, 2018

TG RFE 1S-415

12:30 – 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Present:

Jacqueline Silvera (Chair)
Charmaine Valbuena-Ayson
Erin Culhane
Tim Tripp
Danielle Krisman
Amanda Massender
Samantha Correia
Dianne Barham
Millie Dolanjski (UHN Patient Partner)
Katie Harris (UHN Patient Partner)
Maria Anna Calamia

Regrets

Ian McDermott
Khaula, Mangla
Paul Martin
Claudia Ortins
Miriam Beckles
Noel Brunger
Jamie Cook
Caroline Ouellette
Katherine McDonald
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient Partner)
John Shannon
Stephen Black
Elaine Chan
Ellen Rosenberg
Jane Ballantyne

Invitees:

Athena Nicholas (recorder)
Nina Malek (Project Team)
Betty Wong (Project Team)
Brenda Lee (Project Team)

1. Review of Minutes

The minutes of August 16, 2018 were reviewed and accepted.

2. Transplant Research Innovation Centre Planning

Brenda, Betty and Nina presented the proposed layout and planning of the Transplant Research Innovation Centre that is expected to be up and running within the MaRS building by Spring 2019. This space will be a secure UHN staff space only.

Recommendations made by the Council included the following:

- Integration of push buttons on the main doors off of the elevator lobby.

- Inclusion of at least one gender-neutral washroom.
- Wheelchair/bariatric accessible seating design.
- Accessible features within the resource centers and cafeteria.

3. AODA Standards Proposed Spreadsheet

Charmaine provided an update of the AODA standards spreadsheet. The purpose of this template is to provide project teams with consistent guidelines prior to their respective planning stages. The spreadsheet consists of an item/issue tab followed by corresponding UHN best practice guidelines, rationale, product specifications and finally Council recommendations columns. There will also be two hidden tabs: discussion/status and actions. This will be used as a way for FM-PRO and the Council to track progress for each respective item.

Recommendations for further improvement of the spreadsheet include:

- Changing the name of the tab “UHN Best Practice” to “UHN Standard of Excellence”.
- Including a tab for Training/Education.
- Creating a working group to add further items to the template.

4. AODA Tag Line

The AODA tag line working group presented three options to the Council: “All in!”, “Opening doors” and “Impact without hitting barriers”. With the intention of being catchy, concise and providing an explanation of what the Council has to offer, the majority vote went to “Opening doors”.

One other working group recommendation presented was to change the name “AODA Council” to “UHN Accessibility Council”. This change was unanimously supported.

Next steps include engaging other stakeholder groups, such as senior management and patients, to comment on the above changes. An update on this work will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 18-12:30 -2:00 pm