

AODA Council

May 4, 2017
TG RFE 1S-415
10:00 – 11:30 am

MINUTES

Present:

Jacqueline Silvera (Chair)
Dianne Barham
Kelly Campbell
Erin Culhane
Scott Patterson
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient Partner)
Jamie Cook
Melissa McDermott
Jonas Fernandes
Yalini Vasanthan (*on behalf of
Jeanette MacLean*)

Regrets

Erika Sedge
Rowena Chow
Marilyn Myers (UHN
Patient Partner)
Miriam Beckles
Noel Brunger
Jeanette MacLean
Ian McDermott

Invitees:

Athena Nicholas, Recorder
Erin Nisbet
Stephen Black
Paul Beverley
Vito D'Amico

1. Fire & Life Safety & Emergency Preparedness Project (*Paul Beverley & Vito D'Amico*)

- Emergency Preparedness and Fire & Life Safety purchased Evacuation Chairs to assist self-identified employees with a disability to evacuate their place of work when an evacuation order has been given.
- UHN is one of the first organizations to in Canada to purchase and implement these chairs.
- The implementation plan outlined by Paul first calls for employees to identify themselves as in need of evacuation assistance. The specific floors where these chairs will be kept are then identified. Once installed, training for all able-bodied employees within the department will ensue.
- Concerns were expressed by some Council members regarding whether these chairs could actually be installed within the stairwells, as well as whether or not these chairs would affect the flow of individuals on the stairwells during an evacuation. These concerns will be brought back to the Emergency Preparedness and Fire & Life Safety team for review.

2. Accessibility sign of TW Cardiac (*Erin Nisbet & Stephen Black*)

- The AODA Council reviewed Peter Munk Cardiac Centre upgrade drawings and provided input.

- Accessible washrooms, door operators, appropriate flooring, waiting area chairs and adult change tables were some of the points discussed.
- The Council will revisit this discussion once AODA guidelines have been established.

3. Overview of AODA milestones and recap of membership

- The AODA milestones within the categories of Transportation, Employment, General Requirements, and Information and Communication as per the Ontario government were outlined by Jacqueline. She further stressed the goal of full compliance by 2025.
- The 2017 goal is that accessible transportation options are appropriately communicated throughout UHN.
- During the next meeting these milestones will be compared to UHN AODA milestones.

4. Next Meeting: - -