

AODA Council

January 18, 2018

TG RFE 1S-415

12:30 – 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Present:

Charmaine Valbuena-Ayson
(Acting Chair)
Stephen Black
Tim Trip
Paul Martin
Erin Culhane
Vivian Cheng (for Jeanette
MacLean)
Chris Stigas (UHN Patient Partner)
Millie Dolanjski (UHN Patient
Partner)
Katie Harris (UHN Patient Partner)
Ellen Rosenberg
Scott Patterson
Dianne Barham
Jane Ballantyne
Kelly Campbell

Regrets

Jacqueline Silvera
(Chair)
Ian McDermott
Jeanette MacLean
Miriam Beckles
Noel Brunger
Melissa McDermott
Jamie Cook
Khaula, Mangla
Claudia Ortins (on
behalf of Jonas
Fernandes
Caroline Ouellette

Invitees:

Athena Nicholas, Recorder
Bob Topping, Accessibility
Architect “DesignAble
Environments”

1. Minutes

The minutes of November 16, 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

2. Overview of Approach to Audits (Bob Topping, Architect DesignAble Environments)

Bob Topping, an accessibility consultant and architect from DesignAble presented an overview of his company’s background, services and strategy. With significant experience in health care, Bob provided key insight into how best to embark on UHN’s accessibility audit.

Key points include:

- The need to determine gaps/priorities of an organization and identify which standards provide best guidance to address them.
- Consideration that AODA legislation states sole focus on new construction and renovations.
- When trying to reconcile opposing legislation, it is most effective to determine the intended type of person for the space.
- Common hospital accessibility concerns/priorities include: patient rooms, washrooms, routes, signage and elevator controls.
- AODA Education training should provide an overview of legislation framed specifically for intended purpose/audience.

Next Steps: The Council will begin to brainstorm entrance and washroom accessibility requirements at the next AODA meeting.

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15-12:30 -2:00 pm