

Health Services Committee

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Mandate

Within the broader context of primary health care, assist the Board in identifying unmet needs of the community and in developing strategies to address them by:

- Participating in community meetings and events where community health needs are being discussed.
- Promoting an understanding of the social determinants of health and engaging with the community, governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Collaborating with local physicians and community partners in health services planning and development.
- Making recommendations to the Board regarding disbursement of funds to support community health care needs.

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Strategic Goals and Objectives

The Foundation will understand the primary health care needs of the community by:

- Ensuring there is a process in place to identify needs.
- Ensuring a strong, supportive relationship with the Gabriola Health and Wellness Collaborative and with specific community organizations.
- Promoting community understanding of the social determinants of health.
- Distributing the remaining Kitty Heller funds and seeking new funding resources.

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Activities 2021-2022

- Approved \$4,160 from the Kitty Heller fund to support the Gabriola Health and Wellness Collaborative's planning activities including
 - The development of the *Gabriola Talks Health* website and,
 - A survey to identify community health priorities.
- The survey results showed that participants prioritized:
 - primary health care,
 - affordable housing,
 - mental health and addiction services,
 - protecting the environment, and
 - food security.
- Participants also identified the need to address larger systemic issues:
 - the impacts of the climate crisis,
 - the impacts of the pandemic,
 - engage in Truth and Reconciliation activities, and
 - ensure a robust local emergency planning and response capacity.

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Activities 2021-2022 (Continued)

- Dr. Don Sutherland continues to represent the Foundation at monthly Collaborative meetings and annual planning events.
- The Foundation has also supported the efforts of RDN Director Vanessa Craig to establish funding for a Community Health and Wellness Planner for Gabriola.
- The Foundation has also agreed to manage the funds raised through the Jay Dearman Community Run for improved mental health supports to families. The funds will be used to offer a parent support group with the option of individualized family support.

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Thank you for participating!

