MINUTES
PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 23, 2007
8:00 a.m.
Room 250, 2nd Floor
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillor L. Ferguson (Chair), Dr. S. Wooder (Vice Chair), Mayor F. Eisenberger, L. Falco, Councillors L. Ferguson, and M. McCarthy

Absent with Regrets: Councillor T. Whitehead – Conference

Also Present: J. Walker, Physician Recruitment Specialist
T. Tollis, Director, Budgets and Finance
M. Walker, Advisor, Constituent Relations & Outreach, Mayor’s Office
A. Parle, Senior Policy Analyst
T. Tuck, Communications Officer
S. Paparella – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Item A)

(McCarthy/Eisenberger)
(a) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed as Chair of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee commencing January 2007.

(b) That Dr. S. Wooder be appointed as Vice Chair of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee commencing January 2007.

CARIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

There were none declared.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

There were none.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

This being the first meeting of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for the 2006 to 2010 Term of Council, there were no previous minutes.

(d) Resignation of Members

Dr. S. Wooder informed the Committee that both Dr. R. Allega and Dr. E. Shaw were stepping down from the Committee.

(e) Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Update (Item 4.1)

Jane Walker, Physician Recruitment Specialist, provided a presentation to the Committee respecting the history, goals and status of physician recruitment within the city of Hamilton.

(Falco/McCarthy)
That the presentation be received. CARRIED

(f) Management Sub-committee Membership and Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 5.1)

(Falco/McCarthy)
That the Management Sub-committee, to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee, be comprised of the Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair; Councillor L. Ferguson and Dr. S. Wooder, respectively, and the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce representative; Len Falco. CARRIED

(g) 2006 - 2009 Budget Projections (Item 5.2)

It was noted that the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee will experience a shortfall of approximately $40,000 per year under its current
funding. The steering Committee requires a total budget of $140,000 to $150,000 annually to continue.

It was suggested that the Committee speak with both current and potential new stakeholders to assist in securing additional funding.

Mayor F. Eisenberger and Councillor L. Ferguson will meet with several members of the community to determine outside interest.

(h) Underserviced Area Program (UAP) Denial – Inquiry from Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best, London, Ontario (Item 5.3)

(Falco/Wooder)
That Item 5.3 be tabled to the next meeting of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee.

CARRIED

(i) Correspondence from Health Force Ontario, Recruitment Centre respecting their Recruitment Services (Item 5.4)

(Falco/Wooder)
That Item 5.4 be tabled to the next meeting of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee.

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 8)

8.1 Personnel Matter

(Falco/Wooder)
That Item 8.1 be tabled to the next meeting of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee.

CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)

(Woorder/McCarthy)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson, Chair
Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
January 23, 2007