

MHWG April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 4:00 PM

Present: Michael D, Michael C, Florencia, Jim,

Item 1

MHWG supported the idea of utilizing Google Docs to collaborate on info. This approach is being adopted/recommended by other sub-committees.

Item 2

The MHWG had discussion around the poverty panel recommendations, specifically recommendation 11 around a mental health initiative. Our concern is we do not want to invest in our initiative only to duplicate efforts or end up developing something that does not fit with the city's initiative.

***11. Create a coordinated local mental health and addictions strategy. Mental health and addictions are distinct but related challenges with multiple causes and impacts. Our community is fortunate to have resources that address mental health and addictions, but a coordinated response is needed to account for the complexity of these issues. We need to leverage the momentum in our community and invest in a coordinated mental health and addictions strategy that is responsive to the health needs of Londoners.***

Recommended action: The ACCAC Report with the Poverty Panel Recommendations goes to Community and Protective Services Committee on April 26 and then Council on May 3. Once it goes to Council a resolution letter with the ACCAC recommendation on this matter will be sent to the Mayor, Councillor Cassidy and Chris Mackie (Health Unit). At that time, ACCAC will contact the last two individuals to confirm details of the city's initiative and ensure that the MHWG not be duplicating their efforts. If efforts are similar, ACCAC can request status in the city's initiative in lieu of proceeding further with the MHWG.

After identifying the concerns for potential duplication or redundant efforts, no further actions by the MHWG were taken at this time.