

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the report on the development of a Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- London for All: A Roadmap to End Poverty (SPPC: April 18, 2016)
- London for All Update: First 12 Month Recommendations and Development of the Implementation Body (CPSC November 15, 2016)
- Update on Mental Health and Addictions Strategy (CPSC: January 24, 2017)

BACKGROUND

The City of London 2015-2019 Strategic Plan called for the development of a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy as part of the Plan's key focus on *Strengthening our Community; caring and compassionate services* and the elimination of "barriers for individuals facing poverty, mental health and addictions and help them find pathways to be successful." Council further approved an amount of \$200,000 towards the creation of such a community strategy: \$100,000 for 2016 (which was not expended) and \$100,000 for 2017.

Through a competitive RFP process, Optimus I SBR was hired in June 2017 to assist Civic Administration in partnering with the community to develop a Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. An Advisory Council was created in July 2017, consisting of representatives of the following key community partners: South West Local Health Integration Network, Canadian Mental Health Association – Middlesex, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Vanier Children's Services (as the lead agency for Children's Mental Health and Addictions Services) and Addiction Services Thames Valley.

The objectives of the Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy are to address current system pressures and identify opportunities to collaborate in new ways to improve on experiences, outcomes and overall value for all London residents. The strategy is intended to align with, and not duplicate, system strategies and priorities and provide an evidence-based approach to respond to the health needs of Londoners.

Project planning is underway to define the specific approaches and work required to achieve success; early activities have included discovery interviews, preliminary research and document review.

Over the fall of 2017, next steps include the engagement of patients/families/residents, service delivery partners, and other key stakeholders and partners. A facilitated collaborative visioning process will result in the development of common principles and recommendations to provide better experiences, outcomes and overall value for residents of London with mental health or addictions challenges.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council approved \$200,000 for this work, of which \$100,000 is funded by the Social Services Reserve Fund and \$100,000 is funded by the Province. It is anticipated that the consultancy work of

Optimus I SBR and related public engagement expenses will fully expend the \$100,000 for 2017 by the end of this year to complete the strategy. There is \$100,000 of approved funding for 2016 that was not expended. Subject to the recommendations of the strategy, the unspent funding from the Province and Social Services Reserve Fund could be used to help assist in implementation.

CONCLUSION

A final report on the Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy with recommendations will be presented to Council in December 2017.

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