

**NORTH YORK
LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

6:30 - 9:15 p.m.

North York Civic Centre

Committee Room No. 2

Present: Valerie Sterling (Chair), Syed Kafil Akhtar, Jane Macdonald, Wanda MacNevin, Beverley McClelland, Lidia Monaco, Eva Tavaries

Toronto Public Health staff:

Sara Farrell, Wendy Wirsz (Minutes)

Regrets: Maria Kelleher, Sue Makin, Patricia Matthews, Ana Pugliese, Judith Otto, Velumylum Thanga, Elizabeth Yohannan

Absent: Shu Wei "Angel" Liu

1.0 Introduction

Valerie Sterling welcomed members to the meeting and members shared noteworthy events of the past month.

2.0 Review/Approval of Agenda

One item "Other Business" was added to the Agenda as # 8.0 and "Next Meeting" was shifted down as #9.0.

Under "Other Business", Valerie Sterling added "Correspondence from Maria Herrera", and Sara Farrell added "Middle Years Matter".

Today's agenda was approved with these additions.

3.0 Review/Approval of October 5th Minutes

The previous minutes were reviewed. It was moved by Eva Tavaries and seconded by Jane Macdonald to approve the previous minutes with approved corrections discussed.

4.0 Membership & Attendance Survey Results

Sara Farrell reported on the survey attendance results from members. The consensus was for meetings in 2006 to be held on the second Wednesday of each month to start at 6:30 p.m. NYLHC minutes will be distributed approximately two weeks prior to meetings, and distribute agendas approximately 2 or 3 days prior. It was agreed one telephone call from the NYLHC secretary as a friendly reminder will be sufficient notification.

MOTION: It was moved by Lidia Monaco and seconded by Wanda MacNevin to accept Ana Pugliese's resignation. Approved.

MOTION: It was moved by Wanda MacNevin and seconded by Bev McClelland that the LHC Terms of Reference be amended to include the failure to send regrets for three consecutive meetings will mean that the person will no longer remain a member of the LHC for the term. Approved.

ACTION: Sara Farrell to send a letter to Shu Wei “Angel” Liu to determine her status as a member.

5.0 Priorizing Top 5 Issues Continues

There was a lengthy discussion in relation to the upcoming presentations scheduled for December 2005 and for 2006. It was agreed that information received from upcoming presentations will be utilized to work on top issues for action to be taken by NYLHC.

It was agreed to focus on current issues where real impacts can be accomplished realistically by NYLHC and in relation to how TPH incorporates community input collaboratively. For example, a look at recommending TPH staff to work on advocacy and policies to push for provincial funding to provide after-school programs, i.e. community-based programs for schools as prevention of violence after-school hours during peak hours between 3 to 6 p.m. It was agreed to look at preventative ways to help resolve these issues.

Also it was suggested that community consultation groups be given the opportunity to provide input along with TPH Managers in the development of TPH programs and services. NYLHC would like to have input and/or be kept informed of any parent/advisory groups in order to be included in planning phases along with TPH Managers. One TPH/community group mentioned was the “*Strong Neighborhood Task Force*” initiative.

It was agreed that ongoing pandemic influenza information will be provided with links to updates.

There was brief discussion about the current lack of TPH programs and services available for the frail elderly. It was agreed to add seniors as a priority issue under #9(o). A seniors presentation will be scheduled for NYLHC as soon as TPH staff are available.

Valerie Sterling noted the Toronto Drug Strategy document dated October 2005 has been approved by the Board of Health and will go for approval in December at City Council. The TDS website is: www.toronto.ca/health/drugstrategy.

A TPH gap was noted in middle years including school-age youth and TPH will look at the development of a middle years program.

To summarize the top 5 current issues include:

- (1) equity of opportunity/accessibility of programs (including dental and seniors as “subsets”),
- (2) violence prevention,
- (3) middle years,
- (4) seniors,
- (5) poverty.

5.0 Priorizing Top 5 Issues Continues -- (Cont'd)

MOTION: It was moved that as the NYLHC sees healthy development of children aged 6 to 12 years are a priority, that \$3.7 M from the Social Service Stabilization Reserve Fund to be utilized to develop and implement a model for after-school programs, and that Public Health put some resources/staff to support school-aged children and their families focusing on this age group to allow for a continuum of supports/services for children as they develop. It was moved by Lidia Monaco, seconded by Jane Macdonald and approved unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION: The NYLHC recommends that Public Health participate in the development of the above-mentioned model.

ACTION: Sue Makin to advise who to direct the above motion to City staff.

ACTION: Lidia Monaco to bring middle years information to next meeting from the coalition she works on.

ACTION: Sara Farrell to connect with TPH staff to do a presentation on Seniors and other TPH staff to do a Dental presentation at December 7th NYLHC. To be confirmed.

ACTION: Wendy Wirsz to locate hard copies of the TDS report for NYLHC members to review.

6.0 Health Profiles Workgroup: Bev & Elizabeth

Bev McClelland and Elizabeth Yohannan will continue to be the two contact reps on NYLHC for the LHC Health Profiles Workgroup.

ACTION: Valerie Sterling to correspond with Maria Herrera to ask if Diane Patychuk can provide NYLHC with relevant information and data on NYLHC's specific issues.

7.0 Meeting Dates - 2006

The 2006 schedule of NYLHC meetings will be distributed at next meeting.

ACTION: Wendy Wirsz to book and distribute annual schedule of meetings.

8.0 Update from the Board of Health

It was agreed that future Board agenda items should continue to be distributed to all members by email from Erinn Leckie. Board highlights will continue to be noted by Valerie Sterling to members for their information.

Valerie Sterling reviewed the following Board issues including: Legionnaires Outbreak; Mandatory Certification of Food Handlers; Governance Recommendations in "The SARS Commission Second Interim Report" and their Implications for TPH; Toronto Drug Strategy Report; Update on Measures To Reduce Emissions from City Fleets; Provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering; Update from MOH on West Nile Virus; TPH 2006 Operating Budget; Draft Terms of Reference for the Peer Review of the Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan Decision Making Model.

9.0 Next Meeting Agenda – Two Presentations

Members requested that two presentations be done at the December meeting.

ACTION: Sara Farrell to connect with TPH staff to do a presentation on “Seniors” and other TPH staff for a “Dental” presentation on December 7th. To be confirmed.

ACTION: Sara Farrell to follow-up with TPH staff to do a presentation on “Early Screening for Identification” in January and a “Mental Health” presentation in February.

10.0 Next Meeting Date

The next NYLHC meeting is scheduled for Wed., December 7th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in C.R.#1.

11.0 Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.