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**Scarborough Local Health Committee (LHC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2**

Present: Dianne Cairney, Ed Castro, Colin Hughes, Brian Hyndman (Chair)
Linda Napier
Toronto Public Health Staff:
Lisa King, Janet Melanson (Minutes)

Regrets: Carol Timmings, Carvel Burrell, Vaij Chari, Dean Maxwell, Heidi Sin, Niloy Sen, Yasmin Vali

1.0 Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2006 LHC Meeting

The minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting were approved with changes to 3.0 and 6.0.

2.0 Business arising from minutes

Carol to share TPH Integrated Health model - item deferred

3.0 Board of Health and citizen member recruitment update

Applications for citizen representatives for the Board of Health were due January 10th. The next Board of Health meeting will likely form a sub-committee to select new members for the Board of Health.

Brian anticipates transitioning off of the Board of Health in April or May. The new citizen representatives on the Board of Health along with the Community Health Officers and current LHC members are responsible for recruiting new LHC members.

There are no term limits for LHC members but members do have to reapply each term.

4.0 Review of LHC priorities

The priorities of the LHC were reviewed and two items were added to the agenda.

4.1 Media around the beaches

Colin is dismayed that most of the media attention pertaining to beach water quality focuses on the downtown area, and he would like to see the Scarborough beach water profile raised. Colin asked if there are groups

currently active at the community level working on this issue. Brian would like to know if there are resources being put into cleaning up the beaches.

ACTION: Lisa will put forth to Toronto Water the questions raised by Colin and Brian.

4.2 Bill C- 303

Colin provided information on Bill C-303. The Early Learning and Child Care Act, passed second reading in the Commons. The bill is intended to provide principles and accountability for a national child care system, ensure reliable funding for the provinces and that federal funds are invested in not-for-profit centres. It was supported by the NDP & Liberals. Several Scarborough MPs voted in support of the Bill.

5.0 TPH support for harm reduction initiatives

Ed discussed current harm reduction initiatives in Toronto. He would like to see more funding and resources to support better harm reduction services in Scarborough as outlined in the Toronto Drug Strategy.

Ed would like clarification on TPH's role and view of safer crack use. Brian agrees that more money has to be allocated to Scarborough and he would also like to get a better handle on what TPH is already doing to support harm reduction via grants and Toronto Drug Strategy to determine what deficits exist.

ACTION: Lisa will contact Susan Shephard and Barb MacPherson to determine what TPH programs are currently in place and which organizations outside of downtown Toronto are supporting harm reduction. Lisa will also get information on the current budget for drug abuse prevention and how much of the budget is allocated to harm reduction.

6.0 Topics for discussion at joint meeting with Central East LHIN

Brian will compile a list of questions to present to the members of the Central East LHIN based on discussion from meeting.

ACTION: Brian to compile a list of questions to ask Central East LHIN members at next meeting.

7.0 Update on LHC evaluation and next steps

All evaluation data has been collected and a meeting with the chairs will take place on January 29, 2007 prior to the Board of Health.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 SCAN – Scarborough Civic Action Network

The Scarborough Civic Action Network hosts the Scarborough Summit on an annual basis and recently hosted a Civic Engagement – Municipal Elections meeting. Lisa attends SCAN meetings on a regular basis and suggested that the LHC invite SCAN to discuss highlights of the Summit and explain what methods they used to engage the community and discuss the advocacy work that they do.

ACTION: Lisa will invite members from SCAN to share results of the Civic Engagement report with the LHC sometime after Feb 27th meeting.

8.2 2007 Meeting Schedule

Lisa suggested scheduling LHC meetings 1 week prior to Board of Health Meetings. A 2007 LHC meeting schedule will be determined with the following dates in mind.

Week of April 10th
Week of May 7th
Week of June 4th
Week of July 3rd

Week of September 10th
Week of October 9th
Week of November 5th

9.0 Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
Scarborough Civic Centre
Committee Room 1
6:00 – 9:00p.m.