

North York Local Health Committee Meeting

April 10, 2007, 6.00 – 8 p.m.

2nd fl. Public Health Conference Room

Approved Minutes

Present: Syed M. Kafil Akhtar, Jane MacDonald, Lidia Monaco, Valerie Sterling (Chair), Velumylum Thanga,

TPH Staff: Sara Farrell, Eleanor Ziv (Minutes)

Regrets: Sue Makin, Bev McClelland, Wanda McNevin, Eva Tavaries

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as written

2. Review of Previous Minutes – January 23, 2007

4.1 Seniors

Valerie suggested Sara should invite Rosemary Bell, the Community Development Office from the City of Toronto, to either our May or June meeting for discussion on seniors.

Minutes of January 23, 2007 were approved by Jane Mac Donald and seconded by Syed M. Kafil Akhtar.

3. Arising from the Minutes of November 14, 2006:

3.1 LHINs letter: Sue

- Valerie gave a handout of the letter from the LHC to Mr. Hy Eliasoph, from LHINs. The letter to be sent without any changes.

ACTION: Letter to be attached to our April minutes. The Committee recommends that BOH supports the NYLHC on this item.

3.2 Impact of Funding on CCAC's Direct Service to Seniors: Sara

- Sara spoke to the finance director at the North York CCAC. The funding formula for seniors hasn't changed despite the amalgamation of NYCCAC into Toronto. From a CCAC perspective it is business as usual and if there was going to be any impact, it is still too new to really determine. We may want to keep this issue in a parking lot until we can track/survey the effects of direct service for seniors in the north region.

3.3 Conference Feedback: Eva

- This item to be taken off agenda.

ACTION: Sara to contact Eva in regard to Cancer Coalition Conference and suggest that she send a written report.

3.4 Humber River Regional Hospital: Wanda

- The reply letter from Dr. Reuben Devlin, President & CEO, Humber River Regional Hospital to Valerie, was reviewed.
- Our letter to the Humber River Regional Hospital urged them to include community consultation. They responded that they had already done so and will

continue to do so.

ACTION: Sara will check the status with Wanda regarding her committee and find out what else we can do to be strategically supportive.

3.5 Mandatory Guidelines for Public Health: Sue

- Valerie shared an overview of the draft copy of the OPH Standards that was discussed at the February BOH meeting. The Protocols were not included. Timeline for feedback was March 9th.
- There was an e-survey done requesting information on issues and how to address them.
- Valerie had notes on response from the BOH. BOH recommended full consultations on the Protocols.
- Local needs and assessments are addressed in the guidelines. Work with partnerships and strengthen service delivery. Access & Equity to have own Standard.
- Omissions are: mental health; family health; violence; post partum depression; advocacy and oral health.
- At present there is no information on the next steps.

ACTION: Sara to ask Sue for a hard copy of the response to the Standards and distribute at the next meeting.

3.6 Local Health Committee Motions/Evaluation: Sara

- Sara spoke to Cathy Turl on the Local Health Committees' request to determine the effectiveness of motions sent to the Board of Health across all LHCs. Cathy has looked at this and will be presenting results at the Evaluation meeting in May. One highlight discussed was the effectiveness of the north's motion for the dental clinic to open at the North York Civic Centre.
- The Committee agreed that motions seem to be the most effective means of raising an issue and felt a standardized format would be helpful.
- Once a motion is submitted, the follow through is important. The LHC needs feedback and a timely report as follow up.
- Our motion on Seniors was written and rewritten before being submitted to the BOH. Motion was then changed to state that the MOH would discuss at meeting with LHINs. Valerie has not heard back on the outcome of this discussion.

3.7 Invitation to NY Community Council

- After discussion, it was suggested that this item be deferred for next LHC .

3.8 Priority Issue and Action Plan for NYLHC to work on for 2007

- Sara spoke with a number of city granting people and also with United Way on allocation of grant funds and the lack of services and resources in North York. Geographical consideration is often hard to determine with some agencies providing city-wide services and is not always tracked or considered (versus merit of the application, the 13 priority neighbourhoods, etc.). Without a doubt, North York has fewer agencies, submits fewer grant applications (but the success rate from those applications is better than other inner suburb areas), and receives fewer resources..
- Discussion followed on how smaller agencies can apply for grant money. Suggestion was that they should partner with other agencies to get started.

Priority Issues for NLHC -- Valerie suggested that it would be helpful if we could identify the specific services and resources lacking in the North Quadrant of the City in order to more clearly advocate for specific resources and services.

ACTION: Sara to place this item and grant funding as the main agenda item for discussion at the next meeting in May.

4 Board of Health Update: Valerie

- Dental Clinic at 5100 has been given the go ahead. Funding was approved in 2007 capital budget. The contract is presently being awarded and clinic should be completed in fall of 2007. Jane suggested that LHC should participate in opening of dental clinic.
- Report still to come on the Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups. LHC may want to comment on this.

ACTION: Valerie will give Eleanor the report to circulate once she has it.

BOH items discussed:

- Pesticide by-law will be in effect on Sept 1, 2007 for residential areas. Additional inspectors will be hired to enforce this. There will be a fine from \$250 to \$5,000.
- New Canada Food Guide
- Report on the Regulation of Trans fat in food supply recommended that be reduced to 2% and 5%.
- Pandemic Influenza preparedness
- Service agreements
- Toronto Street Food
- Prohibiting the burning of used motor oil for space heating in Toronto. This is highly toxic.

Valerie also shared the following information:

- Healthy pregnancy guide – Sensible Guide to Healthy Pregnancy is available free.
- Children’s Mental Health week is May 7-13. Series of events taking place across the province. Health units are urged to work with community partners to support this. Lobby at Queen’s Park.
- Local Health Integration Networks, as of April 1st, now have full responsibility.

5 Recruitment of New LHC Members

- Thanga will be resigning from the North Local Health Committee as he is living in Scarborough. He might consider applying for the East LHC.
- A suggestion for a new member was submitted by Valerie.
- Question arose if present LHC members will be staying on for another term. Sara to keep the group informed re membership process.

7. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2007

Time: 7:30 – 9.00 p.m. – (immediately after the Evaluation Meeting which will take place in the Members Lounge)

Location of our meeting: 2nd floor Conference Room, Public Health, 5100 Yonge St.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8.45 pm.