

**APPROVED**

**TORONTO/EAST YORK LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, JUNE 5, 2007**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: 277 Victoria Street – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor – Room 504**

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PRESENT: Fiona Nelson (Chair) Liz Janzen  
Marvin Greenberg Aldo Gatti  
Roman Polochansky Lino Grima

REGRETS: Jim Armstrong Evadne Wilkinson  
Mary Kruk Nuzhath Leedham  
Jeanne Jabanoski

GUESTS: Bruce Clarke, Manager – Communicable Disease Control – STD  
Rebecca Fortin, Student

1.0 Minutes

Review of minutes deferred to July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

2.0 Communicable Disease Program

Bruce Clarke, Manager – Communicable Disease Control, distributed information regarding the City of Toronto Sexual Health Program (see attached). He presented an overview of the program including philosophy, organization, AIDS, Sexual Health and STI case management. He touched briefly on the needle exchange program, planning and policy, budgeting and capacity building partnerships. Charts detailing incidence rates of chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis and HIV were reviewed. Bruce concluded by outlining the challenges facing the program, and plans and priorities for moving forward. Fiona thanked Bruce for a very informative presentation and opened the floor for discussion and comment. Many LHC members had concerns and suggestions and Liz made note of these to be included in a report which will go to the Board of Health in the fall.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Alcohol and Cancer Seminar Update

This seminar highlighted the effects of alcohol consumption and the relationship to breast, mouth, esophageal and gastrointestinal cancers. This item was deferred and Fiona will speak to this item at the next LHC meeting.

### 3.2 Review of Trans Fat item on May 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Health agenda

In regard to the report on Trans Fat presented at the Board of Health Marvin felt that major players such as restaurants, hotels and food suppliers had not been included or consulted regarding what foods and ingredients are best from a health point of view. More information regarding trans fats and their nutritional and health effects are needed before changes can be made in the food industry on a city-wide basis. Fiona responded by saying that the trans fat information at the Board was not necessarily aimed at restaurants.

### 3.3 Integrated Clean Air Action Plan

Fiona reported that the report "Change is in the Air: Toronto's Commitment to an Environmentally Sustainable Future" will be discussed at the Parks & Environments meeting on June 18. Paula Fletcher is the local councillor involved in this issue. Interested members of the public may have their name added to the list of deputants at this meeting by calling the City Clerk's office.

## 4.0 Other Business:

### 4.1 Street Food

Marvin had concerns regarding access and input by LHC members to reports being written for the Board of Health. LHC members have knowledge and expertise and want to contribute to the process. Liz reminded the committee that they had successfully communicated through their chairperson recommendations and motions to the Board on a number of issues. LHC meetings in 2007 will be scheduled to allow LHC members time to review upcoming issues and make relevant comments and recommendations to the Board.

NEXT MEETING:                      Tuesday, July 3, 2007  
   277 Victoria Street – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
   Room 504  
   6:00 p.m.

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