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**Scarborough Local Health Committee (LHC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 5, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2**

Present: Brian Hyndman (Chair), Colin Hughes Linda Napier, Heidi Sin, Yasmin Vali
Toronto Public Health Staff:
Carol Timmings, Lisa King, Tracy Sheridan, Janet Melanson (Minutes)

Regrets: Dianne Cairney, Vaij Chari, Linda Napier

Absent: Carvel Burrell, Ed Castro, Dean Maxwell, Niloy Sen

1.0 Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2007.

The minutes from the April 10, 2007 were approved.

2.0 Board of Health Update

Brian reviewed the agenda for the June 12th Board of Health meeting.

Highlights of the May 14th Board of Health meeting included a presentation on provincial preparedness regarding pandemic flu by the Ministry of Health; new measures on the air quality health index were introduced, proposed reduction of the chemical per- chloroethylene by drycleaners and fluoridation of drinking water in Ontario.

The pesticide bylaw is having a positive impact on public awareness regarding the use of pesticides but it was noted that the banned chemicals are readily available at local hardware stores. It is an opportunity for the LHC to monitor and continue advocacy along with the Environmental Protection Office. The banning of chemicals is handled at the Federal Government level and does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

ACTION: The LHC will continue to monitor the pesticide bylaw and follow up in the fall of 2007 with the Environment Protection Office.

3.0 Citizen Representative and LHC Member Recruitment Update

The nomination committee sent the names of the new Citizen Representatives to the City of Toronto Nomination Committee and will be sent to City Council for approval in June, 2007.

Lists of approved LHC members (with the exception of East York) are at the interview stage and are aiming to have an approved list ready for September, 2007.

Brian announced that this is his last LHC meeting that he will be chairing.

Yasmin Vali announced that this is her last meeting with the LHC.

Tracy Sheridan, Community Health Officer, was introduced to the LHC. Tracy will be replacing Lisa King.

4.0 Review of LHC priorities

4.1 Safe and Strong Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Action Team

The Neighbourhood Action Team will be hosting an event called the The Amazing Place - Scavenger Hunt based on historical people, places and things of the Toronto neighbourhoods.

ACTION: Lisa will email “The Amazing Place” information to members to share with the community.

Weekend Events

Toronto Housing will be holding weekend events to encourage people to enjoy the neighbourhoods in Scarborough. TPH will be participating with respect to health information along with Toronto Public Library and other community partners. .

Toronto Housing – Capital Repairs

\$300 million is needed for capital repairs to aging Toronto Housing units. A resident based movement is trying to have their issue brought forward in Cabinet and there has been good media coverage on the issues. It was proposed that the LHC keep track on the progress made to Toronto Housing capital repairs.

4.2 Bio-physical Environment

Pesticides

Members would like to follow up with the pesticide by-law.

ACTION: The LHC will continue to monitor the pesticide by-law and bring forward the issue when the LHC reconvenes in the fall.

Beachwater Quality

The LHC would like to continue monitoring Scarborough's beach water quality.

ACTION: The LHC will continue monitoring beach water quality throughout the summer bring forward the issue.

4.3 Child and Youth

The Provincial Budget pertaining to children's services was discussed. Children's Services is currently drawing on reserves to help fund subsidies with no increase provided for future years. By 2008 it is expected that 3500 child care subsidies will be lost.

Fair Vote

Brian will be working on fair vote representation to help change the system regarding how MPPs are elected.

ACTION: Brian will send out information about Fair Vote.

4.4 Dental

Funding is needed to keep the dental clinics running. Waiting lists are long and emergency care is the priority. Brian asked what the current waiting list is for TPH dental clients. Carol will forward that information to Brian.

One dental assistant position was funded through previous fundraising events. Currently there aren't any fundraising events planned.

Yasmin estimated that 90% of the volunteer doctors give back the honorarium that they receive for their services to the dental clinic and receive a tax receipt in return. Yasmin also wanted to pay particular thanks to TPH nurses Jennifer D'Andrade and Cathy Tersigni for their time and dedication to the dental clinics from the development stage to the actual operation of the clinics contributing to the success of the clinics.

ACTION: Carol to forward TPH Dental Clinic waiting list information.

4.5 Chronic Disease Prevention

The Central East LHIN has put together an advisory group for chronic disease management. The question was raised about the LHIN and how the community will be involved in chronic disease management. The new LHC Chair will arrange a meeting with the Central East LHIN when the new committee is established in the fall of 2007.

David McKeown asked the TPH Directors who sit on the LHCs to analyse major emerging issues brought forward by the LHC.

TPH's relationships with the LHINs and ALPHA is that of an advocacy role.

ACTION: Carol to share proceedings of ALPHA meeting.

ACTION: New Chair to arrange a meeting with the Central East LHIN.

5.0 Next Meeting:

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Committee Room 1 or 2

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