

Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Date: Thursday October 11, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre 399 The West Mall (Member's Lounge)

Present: Alejandra Bravo (Chair), Ali Cadigia, Tina Caruana, Turgay Kirbiyik, Mohamed Nur, Derrick Alexander Shaw, Sonali Verma, Mohamed Warsame, Thomas G. Marchette (Alternate), Alexandrina Stoilova, Dr. Hazel Stewart (Director), Sue Huang (CHO), Madalaine Asta (minutes)

Regrets: Irene Martino, Marcel Beals, Linda Coltman

1.0 Introductions

Welcome to all members. As this is the first meeting for the 2007-2010 LHC term, it was decided that we use an open agenda.

The following handouts were distributed:

- LHC member orientation PowerPoint
- 2006 LHC summary advocacy work
- Report on the “Woodbine Live Development” motion made in April 16, 2007 West LHC meeting.
- “Participate in your Local Government” – developed by Access Toronto
http://www.toronto.ca/accesstoronto/pdfs/local_government_guide.pdf
- Reimbursement for expenses such as transportation, child care for LHC members
- Information Sessions for Parents HPV vaccine flyer

Hazel Stewart gave an overview on the Board of Health & LHC mandates. Review of decision making process on managing Public Health services, mandatory programs and budgeting. Discussion held on issues affecting health of residents, social determinants of health and advocacy work the Local Health Committee can action. Examples of past advocacy work done by the last LHC was briefly discussed.

2.0 Administration

2.1 Majority of members agreed that the Etobicoke Civic Centre (399 The West Mall) is a convenient location for Etobicoke/York LHC meetings. West LHC meeting dates, time and location are set for 2007 and 2008. See appendix i

ACTION: A list of meeting dates to be distributed to all members electronically and in paper.

2.2 LHC requested a members contact information list be shared among members only. Included in the list will be the agency names each member is connected with – for networking purposes. The list will be handed out at the next meeting.

ACTION: A confidential list will be compiled and distributed to members.

2.3 Recommendation by Chair that members send agenda items to her first before the final agenda is processed. Staff will send out draft agendas to all members for approval.

ACTION: The Chair, with staff assistance will send out a communication in this regard.

2.4 Expense Forms for transportation and child care reimbursement was distributed to LHC members.

ACTION: LHC members should return completed forms to Madalaine.

3.0 Board of Health Agenda

The Chair summarized the reports on the October 15, 2007 Board of Health agenda. It was agreed the BOH report summaries be sent out earlier with future LHC agendas so members can be better prepared to discuss them.

The Board of Health will be having a retreat in late November to strategic planning. The chairs for the LHC are encourage to solicit feedback for the retreat.

Hazel Stewart encouraged everyone to attend the October 15th Board of Health Meeting, for the presentation on health inequalities by Dr. Dunn.

4.0 New Business

4.1 As per BOH recommendations, 4 information sessions for parents on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination will be held at four locations across the City. Flyers on the information session are distributed. All members are encouraged to attend, if available.

4.2 LHC member request staff prepare a list of community agencies in Etobicoke/York that are supported by Toronto Public Health funding (i.e. AIDS Prevention, Drug Prevention & Student Nutrition)

ACTION: Sue to prepare a list for next meeting.

5.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chair