

# North Region Local Health Committee

## Approved Minutes

Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

6:30 -8:30 p.m.

North York Civic Centre, Cm. Rm. 1

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**Present:** Valerie Sterling (Chair), Syed Kafil Akhtar, Lidia Monaco, Velumylum Thanga, Eva Tavaries, Elizabeth Yohannan

**TPH Staff:** Susan Makin (Director), Sara Farrell (Community Health Officer), Eleanor Ziv (Minutes)

**Guests:** Maria Herrera

**Regrets:** Jane McDonald, Beverley McClellan, Wanda McNevin

**Absent:** Patricia Matthews

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### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with the following inclusion:

#### **3.4 PEP Program.**

### **2.0 Review of Minutes of March 8, 2006:**

Minutes were approved and accepted by Lydia and seconded by Syed.

### **3.0 Business Arising:**

#### **3.1 Young Parents No Fixed Address**

- The issue of building a shelter for Young Parents No Fixed Address went to City Council.
- The matter was referred back to North York Community Council.
- Vote was approved to proceed and will now go to Community Council for zoning.
- LHC remains interested in outcome and will follow progress.

#### **3.2 LHINs**

- The LHINs meetings were advertised. The information was provided by Valerie and sent out in an email by Eleanor.

**ACTION:** Connect with Sara if more information is needed on these meetings or if members wish to be placed on the LHINs mailing list.

### **3.3 Seniors' Motion**

- The North Region Local Health Committee has identified pressing needs for health promotion programming for vulnerable seniors in our communities. We believe Toronto Public Health must take a leadership role in bringing together community service providers, vulnerable seniors and caregivers. We recommend the Medical Officer of Health consult with community agencies and vulnerable seniors to explore opportunities to coordinate, enhance and increase services.
- Information on a series of Seniors meetings was sent out. Thanga will attend the Scarborough meeting; Eva will go to the meeting in East York; and will report back at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **3.4 PEP Program:**

- Sue reported there was no April Board of Health report on Integrated Service Planning for children that include Best Start. However, specific TPH programs (including early identification) to be delivered at the Best Start hubs will be reported on at a later date once Best Start planning has completed community consultations.
- Sue suggested that she can do a presentation to the NLHC in the fall. The Committee agreed that this should be scheduled.

### **4.0 Strong Neighbourhoods Update Presentation: Maria Herrera**

- Maria reported on City's Strong Neighbourhoods project. Taskforces are being developed to look into violence and poverty in 13 high risk areas across the City.

#### **Follow up discussion**

- Youth employment is a major issue. Test program begins this summer with the aim to create jobs for youth in these areas.
- Youth, ages 13 – 24, are eligible and 13 teams are to work in each of the 13 areas.
- All levels of community involvement are needed and Police are offering their support to the program.

**ACTION:** Maria will give Eleanor the flyer to send to LHC members

- Tropicana is coordinating access to employment to youth in certain neighbourhoods this summer. Need to contact Carmen, at Tropicana, to get support for the agencies and to get copies of plans for the summer for the north neighbourhoods.

**ACTION:** Elizabeth will give information on the Tropicana project to Eleanor to distribute.

- A Community Service Fair is going to be held in each area to make youth aware of services available.
- Eva said there is a big street festival being planned at Lawrence Heights on July 1.

### **5.0 Update from Board of Health: Valerie Sterling**

- Valerie submitted a written report detailing the items addressed by the Board of Health at their April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and reviewed the agenda items of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Health. The items in the report were discussed by the Committee.
- The final report of the Ministry of Health's Capacity Review Committee was of particular interest – the recommendations dealing with Public Health Human Resources, Accountability, Governance, Funding, and Amalgamation of Health Units.

## **6.0 Other Business:**

### **6.1 LHC Education Session on Advocacy**

- On June 19, there is a meeting for LHC members, from all 4 regions, to meet with the BOH before their next meeting.
- Valerie discussed the Agenda items
- Valerie, Sue, Sara, Eva, Thanga, Lidia, & Syed will attend.

### **6.2 June Pandemic Flu Session**

- Rescheduled date of June 29, during the day. It is recommended that this date be changed to an earlier date and that we get clarification of the “audience” for this event.

**ACTION:** Eleanor to check availability of space for another day and time.

**ACTION:** Sue to clarify with Maria, who is to be involved in these sessions and will email all the members.

### **6.3 Building Bridges and Public Policy (Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention Workshop)**

- There is one spot available to attend a 1-day working Conference on Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention to be held at the NY Civic Centre on May 30, 8 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- Jane indicated she is interested in attending
- Eva would also go if there was another place available.

**ACTION:** Sara to check if 2 people can attend and will get back to Eva.

## **7.0 Next Meeting:** Next meeting is June 14 at 6.30 pm, Cmte. Rm. 1, Lower Level, NYCC

### **Agenda items for June 14 meeting to include:**

- Parking Lot items
- Seniors Motion
- June 19 discussion items
- Pan Flu Session

**ACTION:** Parking lot items and seniors' motion to be circulated with these minutes.

## **8.0 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8.14 pm