

Approved

Scarborough Local Health Committee (LHC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2006
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Dianne Cairney, Ed Castro, Vaij Chari, Colin Hughes, Brian Hyndman (Chair),
Linda Napier

TPH Staff:

Carol Timmings, Lisa King, Janet Melanson (Minutes)

Regrets: Carvel Burrell, Dean Maxwell, Yasmin Vali, Niloy Sen, Heidi Sin

1.0 Review of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda

- 8.0 Impact on Poverty - Colin
- 9.0 Central East LHIN - Brian
- 10.0 Child Care Morningside Heights - Colin
- 11.0 Joint LHC June Meeting - Brian

2.0 Draft Minutes of June 13, 2006

The minutes of the meeting on June 13, 2006 were approved with corrections to 6.0 and 12.1.

ACTION: Janet to forward minutes to Erinn Leckie for the Board of Health (BOH).

3.0 Review of the Local Health Committee (LHC) Priorities

The priorities of the LHC were reviewed and three items were added for discussion under Other Business:

- 12.1 Information Item - Carol
- 12.2 Scarborough Summit - Vaij
- 12.3 Hiring of Community Health Officers - Lisa

4.0 BOH Update

Brian gave an update on the BOH meeting held on June 19, 2006. There was discussion on a strategy for Community Right to Know pilot project.

The BOH response to recommendations from the Capacity Review Committee about restructuring of public health services was discussed.

ACTION: Lisa will provide website re: agendas and minutes from BOH meetings.

5.0 Water Quality at Scarborough Beaches

A motion was put forward at the June 19th BOH meeting requesting a review for improving Water Quality at Bluffer's Park and a request to the Ontario Ministry of Health to increase compliance with Procedure F-5-5.

Brian provided 2006 Beach Water Statistics from Healthy Environments. The information was distributed and filed.

To give greater meaning to the current data, members are requesting statistics on the last 5 years of beach water quality in Scarborough for the purpose of monitoring historical series of e-coli water counts for benchmarking/progress monitoring. Colin motioned for annual report on water quality statistics.

ACTION: Lisa will request from Mahesh Patel, Manager, Healthy Environments, a five-year history of water quality statistics on Scarborough beaches.

6.0 Dental clinic for uninsured

Vaij and Brian discussed the dental clinic funding shortfall with Hazel Stewart, Director, Dental. Hazel supported a motion to the Budget Committee asking to explore options to reduce staff gapping levels from 4% to 2% by 2007. The motion was passed by the BOH but was not approved by the budget committee. The Budget Committee agreed to make a request for program enhancements to go forward in 2007, which would include funding for dental clinics and increased services to seniors via mobile clinics.

A new dental clinic modeled after the Scarborough Clinic has opened in North York, however, funding for this clinic would normally be used provide other dental programs. The province of Ontario does not fund dental clinic and the challenge it to get 100% city funding.

Vaij discussed the details of the fundraiser dinner that will take place on September 15, 2006. Donations to the clinic are still welcome.

ACTION: Lisa will forward information on how to make donations to the dental clinic including tax receipt details.

7.0 Recruitment process for 2006 – 2009 LHC.

The term for the current LHC is coming to an end. Recruitment for new members will take place in the spring of 2007. Three members showed interest in staying on for another term with the Scarborough LHC.

8.0 Impact on Poverty

Colin handed out a draft copy of recommendations that he would like to see added to the TPH recommendations re: Impact on Poverty on Children's Current and Future Health. Colin would like to see more promotion of public policy, using this opportunity to make TPH's position on poverty clear and also to use this opportunity to develop issues at the local level. Colin put forward a motion that the recommendations be brought to the BOH.

Brian agreed that it would be a good idea to reinforce the position of TPH. Lisa would like to see the LHC involved, gathering information from the community on the issues.

ACTION: Brian will amend Colin's recommendations to align them with the priorities of TPH and the LHC. Brian will bring the recommendations to the BOH.

9.0 Central East LHIN

Brian suggested having an additional LHC meeting in November. He also suggested inviting representatives from the LHINs to the meeting to initiate a dialogue.

Lisa pointed out that there is an opportunity to link motions with other LHCs on shared issues in order to have a greater impact when putting forth motions. Brian would prefer that the Scarborough LHC engage in joint motions only when the situation calls for greater pull. Brian mentioned that a LHC evaluation will soon be taking place and may address the benefits of LHC collaboration.

ACTION: Brian to schedule a meeting in November for additional LHC.

ACTION: Ed will give an update on Scarborough Addiction Services at the November meeting.

10.0 Child Care at Morningside Heights

Colin discussed the capital funding approval for Morningside heights. He thanked the LHC for their support in getting new spaces for the child care centre.

11.0 Update on the Joint LHC Meeting held in June, 2006

Brian, Heidi, Colin and Vaij were present at the Joint LHC in June. Another meeting will be held after the LHC evaluation to determine the future governance of the LHCs.

12.0 Other Business

12.1 Information Item

Carol discussed the Scarborough ART program and discussed how TPH is involved with activities around youth leadership, job creation and early childhood education.

The Ministry of Ontario is conducting a program review of mandatory programs. TPH is well represented on the advisory committee for the review that will be completed in early 2007. The review may affect the HPPA mandate, accountability and funding.

12.2 Scarborough Summit

Vaij reminded members about the Scarborough Summit, October 16, 2006 from 6-9p.m. that will focus on election preparation.

ACTION: Vaij will e-mail information re: Scarborough Summit.

12.3 Hiring of Community Health Officers at Dorset Park and Scarborough Village

A Community Health Officer has been hired for both Dorset Park and Scarborough Village community Centres.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Scarborough Civic Centre

Committee Room #2

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.