

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

**Tuesday, May 23, 2006**

**City Hall – Committee Room #3**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Fiona Nelson (Chair)	Liz Janzen
	Marvin Greenberg	Aldo Gatti
	Lino Grima	Jeanne Jabanoski
	Roman Polochansky	Evadne Wilkinson
	Nuzhath Leedham	Jackie George (Sec.)
	Brian Parris	
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Yuen Hing Tse	Lee Zaslofsky
	Mary Kruk	Jim Armstrong

**1.0 MINUTES**

Lino proposed adoption of the March 28, 2006 minutes, seconded by Marvin, with all in favour – carried.

**2.0 LHINs**

Liz reported briefly that the next round of meetings will focus on three key areas: rehabilitation, seniors, mental health and addictions. When the schedule of meetings is confirmed this information will be forwarded to LHC members. Liz related that she had twice met with Barry Monohan, CEO –Toronto Central LHINs, to discuss such issues as Public Health and LHIN collaboration, ensuring access for marginalized people, diversity issues, etc.

**3.0 Homeless Women & Inclusion in Downtown Toronto**

Fiona introduced Cathy Turl, Clinical Nurse Consultant – Planning & Policy, Toronto Public Health. Cathy distributed copies of a power point presentation and gave a brief overview of the project defining components, funding, methodology and timelines. Work is progressing on developing a charter to help community agencies interact with homeless women and to foster inclusiveness of homeless women. A report will be ready in June and will be shared with LHC members.

**4.0 LHC/BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

Committee members suggested the following topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting with the Board of Health on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>:

- What is the Board's view of the role of the LHCs?
- What advocacy issues can the LHC engage and partner in with the Board of Health?
- How, and to what extent, does the Board of Health see the LHC being active in supporting the Board's efforts.
- Discuss city decisions, i.e. putting social supports and resource allocations in certain areas and not in others. How do we advocate around issues such as this, and should we do so in concert with other LHCs?
- The committee discussed the issue of all LHCs coming together on a regular basis to work and advocate on common causes.
- If we are made aware of other LHC issues perhaps we could support their efforts.
- Ask the Board how closely they visualize the LHCs working together.
- TPH should review work of LHCs annually.

Brian and Fiona will meet to firm up a list of discussion topics with the Board and will forward this list before the meeting to all LHC members, the other LHCs and the Board of Health.

LHC members recommended the LHC monthly meetings be held before the Board of Health meeting to enable members to review reports and make appropriate recommendations and motions, which the Chair could raise for maximum impact at the Board of Health meeting.

## 5.0 BOARD OF HEALTH

Fiona reported on the following agenda items from the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting:

- Subsidies for eligible student nutrition programs totaling \$2,500,000 were approved, although funding for secondary schools was not forthcoming in the amounts anticipated.
- The Green Roofs policy was adopted. Fiona suggested that more work needs to be done in providing local, sustainable food and in the School Gardens and School food Programs. Marvin suggested that the issue of food sustainability and nutrition be brought back to a future LHC meeting and that Wayne Roberts, Toronto Food Policy Council, be invited to attend to speak to this issue.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

- Biosolids & Residuals Master Plan – apparently the Works Department has not considered the motion put forward by this LHC committee in January 2006. Liz will check with EPO re the status of this issue.

- Clean Water Act – LHC committee members were interested in learning whether the Board of Health/TPH is looking at this issue and do they have representation on relevant committees?
- Nuzhath suggested that a mechanism be developed for tracking timelines, outcomes and follow-through on the many different items from various committees that come before the LHC. Roman proposed issues that have been deemed high priority by the LHC, e.g. immigrant problems, be monitored and tracked over the 3 year period of the LHC term. He further suggested the LHC meet with consultants/experts to inform and promote LHC advocacy. Marvin proposed a master list of relevant issues be prepared detailing issue, motions, results, current status. This list would be reviewed on a semi-annual basis. Evadne offered to draw up a draft list.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 27, 2006  
City Hall – 100 Queen Street West  
Committee Room #3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
6:00 p.m.

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