

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

City Hall – Committee Room #3

PRESENT:	Fiona Nelson (Chair) Marvin Greenberg Brian Paris Aldo Gatti Jackie George (Sec.)	Liz Janzen Roman Polochansky Mary Kruk Lino Grima
GUEST:	Bob Frankford	
REGRETS:	Evadne Wilkinson Jeanne Jabanoski Jim Armstrong	Nuzhath Leedham Yuen Hing Tse

1.0 MINUTES

Lino moved the adoption of the minutes of May 23, 2006, seconded by Marvin, all in favour – carried.

2.0 LHINs

Liz reported that the Service Delivery Plan is expected to be issued within the next month. She briefly reviewed meetings held with Community Care Access and Barry Monohan , CEO – Toronto Central LHINs, where one of the topics discussed was establishing a table to deal with urban health issues. The Diversity Workgroup is looking at developing a tool kit which would be integrated from the beginning of any service planning. Liz will attempt to obtain a copy of this toolkit and will share same with interested LHC members.

3.0 Sept. 14th Board of Health Agenda Items

- Fiona briefly reviewed the report from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the “Impact of Poverty on Children’s Current and Future Health”.

LHC members heartily supported the recommendations in this report and discussion of the document elicited the following suggestions:

- a copy of this report be sent to all Health Units
- request the Board of Health set up a conference regarding Children and Poverty/Food/Education
- highlight this issue with candidates running for municipal election

- set up a study group consisting of Board of Health, LHC and outside agency members, to follow up and encourage implementation of the recommendations in the report
- obtain data re past/present and future targets and timelines which would enable a better understanding and assessment of programs and recommendations
- when the new council is established endeavour to ensure public health issues regarding children and poverty become a more prominent subject of policy initiatives

Fiona will attend the September 14th Board of Health meeting and will convey the Toronto/East York LHC endorsement of this report and present their suggestions in this regard. This item is first on the Board of Health agenda on September 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room #1. All LHC members are welcome to attend for interest, or to notify Francine Adamo, Board Secretary, at 416-397-7766 if you wish to be listed as a deputant.

- AIDS Conference

Liz reported that Toronto Public Health participation at the AIDS Conference was a huge success. TPH staff participated in a multitude of ways -- as members of planning workgroups, staffing booths, making presentations, hosting our Botswana partners, facilitating requests from visitors and responding to media calls and inquiries. Many staff volunteered their own time to help with various unpaid activities. City-funded community groups were also involved in a wide variety of activities, including a very successful event at the Jimmy Simpson Recreation Centre which was a collaboration between Parks & Rec. centres and an African Youth group.

Roman reported that he had attended this conference, and although undeniably successful, he felt that because of financial constraints a number of poor countries had very small delegations. Because of their limited number of participants the delegates missed attending some of the important events. He suggested that the attendance/fee format could be modified to encourage a greater attendance from poor countries.

Roman also felt Canada has an inordinately high level of HIV given the large amount of funding and good programming available.

- Cancer Conference

Lino was the Toronto/East York LHC delegate at this conference and reported that this conference was varied and well organized.

Participation was energetic and productive. Participants felt that although funding is of paramount importance to accomplish goals, this must be accompanied by continued commitment from all levels of government. Prevention of illness was a major theme of the conference. The Shade Conference was excellent. Roman was interested in obtaining epidemiological data re cancer and Liz felt that some of this data may be available in the TPH Health Status Report. Further information is available on the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition website.

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

- Biosolids Master Plan

LHC members had requested an opportunity to review the Terms of Reference for the Biosolids Master Plan. Liz reported that this issue is still outstanding and the report is expected back in January 2007. LHC members requested that a future LHC meeting be given over to “water” issues and that Monica Campbell or assigned staff be invited to give an overview of this issue.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, October 24, 2006
277 Victoria Street
5th Floor – Room 504
6:00 p.m. *

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