

# **North Region Local Health Committee**

**Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**6:00- 8:00 p.m.**

**North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 4, Lower Level**

## **REVIEWED MINUTES**

**Present:** Valerie Sterling (Chair), Lidia Monaco, Margaret Chung, Earle Straus, Marvin Gold, Christian Havriliuc, Bill Coleman, Jane McDonald, Anne McConnell, Janet Maher, Anna Walsh, Sue Makin (TPH Director), Sara Farrell (CHO), Eleanor Ziv, (recorder)

**Regrets:** Sandra Romano Anthony

**Absent:** Elliott Delaunay

### **1.0 Welcome**

Valerie welcomed Anne McConnell to the committee and asked her to share her background information.

### **2.0 Review of Agenda and Minutes of October 9, 2007**

- Agenda was approved as written by Lidia Monaco and seconded by Margaret Cheung
- Motion was made to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2007. Minutes approved by Lidia Monaco and seconded by Anna Walsh

### **2.1 Business Arising**

#### **2.1.1 Attendance Policy**

- Eleanor did up a tracking form for absentee reporting

#### **2.1.2 HPV Vaccines**

- Valerie handed out a flyer on the HPV Vaccinations Community North meeting this Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and encouraged as many as possible to attend.
- There were questions asked: why only Grade 8 students, why not older children; how long will this vaccination last?
- Catholic School Board also concerned that it will encourage promiscuity in schools.

### **3 North York Current Health Status (2001 data) – Sue Makin**

- Sue did a presentation on “A Picture of Health in North York”.
- This profile included the North York population, its demographics, diversity, health prevention, low birth weight linked to poverty, etc.
- A variety of different charts were used to show a comparison between Toronto & North York.
- Questions and a brief discussion followed.

#### **4 Setting our Priorities: Board of Health Questions**

- Board of Health is having a retreat on November 30<sup>th</sup> and are inviting LHC input into their priority setting and advocacy discussion.
- LHC identified that the 4-question handout for discussion needs to be looked at in a more in-depth manner and will be placed on the Agenda for the November 29th meeting.
- Various ways of answering these questions were discussed. List of issues previously identified at the last meeting and the list of priorities identified by the previous North Local Health Committee should be considered when answering these questions.

**ACTION:** Members to send individual answers to Sara Farrell or Eleanor Ziv by November 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5 Linking with the North York Community Council**

- Valerie asked the LHC their opinion on linkage with the North York Community Council (NYCC) and when the right time would be. Decision was that a connection needs to be made after priorities are set.
- Various ways of approaching the committee were discussed. The general consensus was that the NYCC should be made aware of our existence and our mandate, and when necessary, we could approach them.
- Discussion took place on whether the LHC should approach the NYCC about being a standing item on the NYCC agenda. We will investigate at a later time if this is possible or needed. It was also noted that the Chair of the Toronto Board of Health is also on the NYCC. When we have a topic for discussion with the NYCC, we could approach John Filion for his comments and facilitation.
- Members can visit the NYCC site on the City website to get agenda, minutes, etc.

#### **6 Board of Health Agenda: Valerie**

- Valerie went through the Agenda items for the upcoming BOH meeting and passed the agenda around for perusal and comment.
- One item of interest was the Air Pollution Illness from Traffic Report by Dr. David McKeown.

#### **7 Other Business**

##### **7.1 Suggested meeting dates in 2008** (to be discussed at November 29th meeting)

<u>LHC</u>	<u>BOH</u>
January 15	January 21
February 19	February 26
No meeting in March	
April 15	April 21
May 13	May 20
June 11 or 12	June 16
June 24	July 3

#### **8 Next Meeting Date: Thursday November 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. TPH, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room**