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**Scarborough Local Health Committee
Tuesday, November 06, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Council Chambers**

Present: Vaij Chari (Chair), Lucy Bonanno, Brian Hyndman, Marisa Charles,
Abdul Fattah, Haweiya Egeh, Saleem Haniff, Khaliq Jabbar,
Heidi Sin, Carol Timmings, Tracy Sheridan, Jean Liburd (Minutes)

Regrets: Ed Castro, Linda Napier, Nafisah Chowdhury, Colin Hughes

Guests: Carrie Samuels, Glenda Vergos, Chamaine Sackrule-Watt, Annette Bailey

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

2.0 Staff Presentations

2.1 Physical Activity – Girls Unlimited

Chamaine Sackrule-Watt (PHN) and Annette Bailey (PHN) gave a presentation on The Vision and Guiding Principles of Girls Unlimited and the lack of Physical Activity in girls age 12-19. Some of the Challenges cited are lack of resources, space to run the programs, staff turnover in TPH and agencies and interpersonal conflicts. Chamaine mentioned that The West Network of Girls Unlimited will be hosting an event on November 23rd, 2007.

Action: Chamaine to email flyers of the event to Jean.

2.2 Family Home Visitors

Carrie Samuels gave a presentation on Toronto Public Health Family Home Visitors. Topics covered were the client services provided, statistics and challenges. Carrie informed the committee that there is a total of 98 Family Home Visitors in the City of Toronto providing support and parenting skills to new moms in their own language and links to community services.

Carrie mentioned that some of the challenges are Funding for the program, Post Partum depression and educating teen moms.

3.0 Board of Health Update

Vaij mentioned that a Planning Retreat for the Board of Health has been scheduled for November 30th, 2007 and requested that the LHC members complete the Advocacy questions on time for the BOH to take to their Planning Retreat.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 9th, 2007 were approved.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Dental services information

Tracy circulated copies of the wait list for all TPH Dental clinics. Lucy reported that there is a 4 months wait time for emergency treatment at the Scarborough dental clinic for uninsured adults (18 years - 64 years) and 1 ½ years wait time for non urgent care. Lucy also mentioned that dental care is gravely needed for uninsured adults. Brian and Vaij responded that 3 motions were made by the SLHC to the Board of Health and by the BOH to the Province. Tracy added that TPH Dental clinics for seniors and children are funded by the City of Toronto.

5.2 Meeting with Central East LHIN

Vaij reported that Central East LHIN has been confirmed to meet with the SLHC on December 3rd. Committee members were asked to prepare their questions.

Action: Vaij will email LHIN website

5.3 Review of the SLHC accomplishments

Brian presented a Summary of LHC Key Achievements from February 2002 to June 2007. Some of the achievements noted were Motions to Toronto Board of Health, Expansion of dental services to Scarborough, Engagement in Toronto Board of Health Strategic Planning, Meetings over the years with community groups/stakeholders, Community Outreach and other Advocacy Initiatives. Brian suggested the Key Achievements be looked at when setting the priorities for the LHC next month.

6.0 Presentation – Scarborough Health Indicators

Carol Timmings gave a presentation on the health indicators in Scarborough. Discussion followed.

Action: Carol to send presentation to Jean for forwarding to LHC members

Advocacy questions

Vaij will send out advocacy questions and will receive email responses.

7.0 Next Meeting

Date: December 3rd, 2007

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Room #2

Time: 6:00 – 9:00