

Approved

Scarborough Local Health Committee
Tuesday, January 15th, 2008
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre

- Present:** Vaij Chari (Chair), Lucy Bonanno, Marisa Charles, Abdul Fattah, Haweiya Egeh, Saleem Haniff, Khaliq Jabbar, Heidi Sin, Ed Castro, Colin Hughes, Carol Timmings, Tracy Sheridan, Jean Liburd (Minutes)
- Regrets:** Linda Napier, Nafisah Chowdhury, Brian Hyndman,
- Guests:** James Meloche, Foster Loucks, Ron Francis, Novina Wong, Dr. A. Huckovitch

1.0 Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved

2.0 Meeting with Central East LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (LHIN) Board

Introductions and function of the Scarborough Local Health Committee were made. The challenge faced by LHIN is the diversity of the region that Central East LHIN is responsible for. There are 1.5 million people covered by Central East LHIN. The catchment area includes the urban diversity of densely populated Scarborough as well as the rural and sparsely populated areas of Haliburton and many varieties of community in-between. Each community is unique with specific needs and health concerns.

James Meloche shared the goal of LHIN to create healthy community.

LHC members were advised to check the website to view LHIN's priority projects.

Some of the questions raised by LHC members were –

- the relationship of LHIN with the Ministry of Health
- What criteria is looked at before funding
- Does the LHIN have a relationship with the Hospitals

LHIN's mandate and Effectiveness Review was explained to the group.

10 out of 14 LHIN's list Seniors Health care as priority

3.0 TB in Scarborough - The TB Clinic Proposal

The TB clinic proposal was presented by Dr. Elizabeth Rea of Toronto Public Health. Dr Rea informed the group that there are 300-400 new TB cases a year which is driven by immigration. One third of the cases are located in Scarborough. Toronto Public Health has received 2 ½ thousand referrals of old TB cases. Currently, there are 4 TB clinics in Toronto St .Michael's Hospital, Toronto Western, Sick Kids and West Park Hospital.

The advantage of having a TB clinic based at a hospital was explained.

Discussion followed.

4.0 Staff report on water quality

Members were asked to check the staff report on the website on beach water quality. Colin Hughes suggested that SLHC arrange a public forum on Waterfront development and water quality in Scarborough. Members decided that some advance planning is required. Colin advised the members he is prepared to do some work.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forward by Vaij Chari, seconded by Marisa Charles for approval of the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Action: Jean to forward Minutes to Erinn Leckie for the Board of Health.

6.0 Business Arising

None

7.0 Board of Health Update

Carol Timmings advised that the Board of Health is going forward with Advocacy initiatives.

A half day planning session is to be set for late February/Early March

Senior staff to do research re advocacy efforts

8.0 United Way Report on poverty

The United Way Report on poverty was handed out to LHC members and was briefly discussed. A decision was made by Committee members to allow all members an opportunity to review the report before any decision is made.

9.0 Other Business

Tracy advised members of the Parks Forestry and Recreation revision of User Fees meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 17th, '08 at 150 Borough Drive.

Action: Tracy to send out report to members

10.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th, 2008

Scarborough Civic Centre

Committee Room #1

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18th, 2008

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Committee Room #1

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.