

North York Local Health Committee

Tuesday October 9th, 2007

6:00- 8:15 p.m.

North York Civic Centre, TPH Boardroom, 2nd fl

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Regrets: Elliott Delaunay, Anne McConnell

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Review of Terms of Reference:

Valerie reviewed the Terms of Reference with the committee, who enquired about past practices of previous North York Local Health Committees. Valerie shared:

- an example of how the LHC can influence and have impact e.g., increased need for dental services in NY led to opening of a new dental clinic in the NYCC;
- that LHC meetings are open to the public;
- the previous LHC met monthly and tried to time the meeting for 1 week prior to Board of Health meetings; and
- the attendance policy (removed from committee if 3 meetings in a year are missed without notification, not 3 consecutive meetings).

There was discussion about established means of communication with the community, e.g., how this can be done via notice boards, personal connections and networks, NY Mirror, Central LHIN, etc.

Discussed communication with Toronto Public Health and the link with Board of Health. All Board of Health information is on the Toronto Website - but Sara will check with Erinn Leckie (TPH Support to all LHCs), to ensure committee members get direct link to agendas, reports and minutes - (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/hl.htm>)

Also discussed availability of TPH resources to support the LHC – they include:

- Sue Makin Healthy Families Director, stated that she could bring requests to divisional management teams; can arrange for guest speakers from TPH program areas and can facilitate linkages with other LHCs.
- Eleanor Ziv provides administrative support and sends out emails, minutes and communication.
- Sara Farrell, CHO, can provide ongoing support to LHC and community perspective and knowledge of local initiatives.

3.0 Review of Priority Issues from Past LHC

Briefly discussed some of the work and issues that the former North York LHC addressed. Sara shared a summary sheet.

4.0 Brainstorming of new issues:

Each committee member identified issues that they thought might be relevant for this Local Health Committee. They include:

- Chronic disease prevention (noted in Scarborough should be added to our list)
- Access and Equity; how to manage scarce resources
- Poverty
- Immigration issues - illegal immigrants needs
- Hydro corridors
- Pedestrian crossings
- Community information and education - how to reach people and increase awareness
- Obesity - healthy lifestyle
- Supports for caregivers (respite care) not only for seniors but also disabled
- Lifestyle: more education around nutrition and stress, healthy eating, how to get people to listen, what is the right message, how do you make it meaningful?
- Inoculations/immunizations, new vaccinations: more information needed re pros and cons of new HPV vaccine
- Nut allergy - how to increase people's awareness of seriousness of issue
- Increased food handling training needed for caregiver attendants going into homes and preparing food; review of nursing home regulations
- HIV
- West Nile
- Early identification (can also be for adults in terms of screening) but specifically 0-6 yrs, fits with TDSB's readiness to learn program
- How to link with NY Community Council
- Pandemic Flu

The committee then discussed how to prioritize and what kind of decision making process we should use e.g. cluster items. The group felt they wanted more information on what is and has already been done to address these issues.

- The group also articulated need to know what the current health status of NY is
- They also wanted to know what are the Board of Health's priorities and upcoming issues are (Sue stated the new Board of Health will be having a planning session in November to determine its priorities).

5.0 Board of Health Agenda

Valerie reviewed agenda (distributed separately) and issues briefly discussed.

6.0 HPV Presentation:

Community presentation on the new HPV vaccination is being planned in each of the regions. The North one is scheduled for November 8th, 2007.

Please see attached flyer and promote. This is a great opportunity to introduce the LHC to the community so members are encouraged to attend.

7.0 Future Meeting Dates: Monday November 5, 2007 6:00 p.m.

NYCC, Lower Lever, Cmte. Room 4

Thursday November 29, 2007

NYCC, TPH 2nd floor Boardroom