

MINUTES
Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Date: Thursday November 8, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 399 The West Mall 4th Floor North Block

Present: Alejandra Bravo (Chair), Marcel Beals, Tina Caruana, Turgay Kirbiyik, Irene Martino, Derrek Alexander Shaw, Alexandrina Stoiliva, Sonali Verma, Mahamed Warsame, Thomas Graham Marquette (Alternate), Mohamed Nur, Sue Huang (CHO), Hazel Stewart (Director), Madalaine Asta (minutes)

Regrets: Linda Coltman, Cadigia Ali

Guests: Vida Stevens (Manager and Senior Dietitian), Amra Acimovic (Community Nutrition Assistant), Angali Gopinath (Consultant Nutrition Promotion)

1.0 Review of Agenda

The agenda was approved with minor adjustments. To ensure meetings adjourns on time, it was requested that we set timelines next to each agenda item.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Motion by the Chair to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Thomas G. Marquette

Carried.

3.0 Appointment of Alternate Members

Motion by Chair that Board of Health approve Thomas Graham Marquette (Alternate Member) as a standing member of the Etobicoke/York LHC.

Seconded by Sonali Verma

Carried.

4.0 Presentations on Health Profiles for Priority Setting

4.1 Community Profiles - Sue Huang/Hazel Stewart

Sue presented a brief PowerPoint on the health status of Toronto West with a comparative on Rexdale neighbourhood. A portfolio containing census stats and Toronto mapping by age groups, new immigrants settlement, socio-economic, chronic diseases and a listing of public health funded programs was distributed to members for review.

ACTION: Members were asked to use this as an additional tool in determining local health priorities.

4.2 Peer Nutrition Program

Vida Stevens, Amra Acimovic and Anjali Gopinath presented on the Public Health Peer Nutrition Programs delivered to the communities. A dynamic questions and answers period followed.

4.3 Review of Local Health Committee Priorities

The Chair requested the following four questions for priority setting be forwarded to members prior to the next meeting:

- What are the five most pressing public health issues in your local health committee area?
- Which of these issues should the BOH advocate for? How?

- What factors should be taken into account for setting advocacy priorities for the Board of Health? (e.g. ability to have impact; resource availability etc)
 - How best can the BOH use the expertise the Local Health Committees?
- ACTION:** Members to review the questions and bring their input to the next meeting.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Woodbine Live Development

The report on Woodbine Live Development that was forwarded to BOH was distributed.

ACTION: For your information only. No further actions required at this time.

5.2 Health Issues in Toronto Community Housing communities

Mohamed Nur brought forth the issue of sanitary conditions in TCHC communities. It was identified as a health hazard for both residents and visitors.

ACTION: To continue this discussion at our next meeting.

5.3 Cleanliness in bathrooms located at Toronto Subway Stations

Thomas Marquette referred to the unsanitary condition of the bathrooms located at the Kipling and Bloor Subway Station as a potential health and safety hazards.

ACTION: Sue was asked to follow-up with Public Health Inspection.

5.4 Bio-fuels/Exhaust Fume Emissions from public transit vehicles

Derrek Alexander Shaw raised concern regarding fuel emissions from public transit vehicles. Given the new expansion plans to the Kipling/Islington subway stations, to facilitate transit connections from neighbouring municipalities such as Mississauga, how will this impact resident health?

ACTION: To continue this discussion at our next meeting.

6.0 Board of Health Meeting Agenda

The BOH report summaries were provided as an appendix to the meeting agenda for member review. Additional highlights on the Board of Health recommendations were provided by the Chair.

7.0 Next Meeting

Date: Thursday November 29, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre, Council Chambers

8.0 Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.