

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

Present: Vaij Chari, Dr. Abdul Fattah, Heidi Sin, Saleem Haniff, Linda Napier,
Toronto Public Health Staff
Jann Houston, Tracy Sheridan, Jean Liburd (Minutes)
Guest: Rita Paul-Sengupta

Regrets: Ed Castro, Colin Hughes, Brian Hyndman, Marisa Charles,
Haweiya Egeh, Linda Bonnano, Dhinesh Sivananthan, Khaliq Jabbar

1.0 **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved

Welcome to Jann Houston, Director of Healthy Living – Chronic Disease
Prevention Toronto Public Health

2.0 **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 10th, 2008 were approved.

3.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 **TPH Champion Awards Selection Committee**

Ed Castro is the SLHC representative on The Public Health Champion
Awards Selection Committee. Vaij reported that the Committee will be
reviewing applications September 26th, '08 and presenting the Awards
October 30th, 2008.

3.2 **Poverty Reduction Strategy**

Rita – 25 in 5 representative informed SLHC members of the key message
of the organization (25% poverty reduction in 5 years) and the work that is
currently being done.

Copies of the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction information sheets
were distributed.

25 in 5 Organization has several events planned for October 17th, '08
which coincides with the International Day for the eradication of poverty.
Toronto Public Health and City Council has endorsed Family Declaration.

3.3 **Save our Structures**

Deferred.

4.0 **Rouge Valley Health System Community Update**

Deferred to LHC meeting in October

5.0 Board of Health

Jann Houston - Director of Healthy Living Chronic Disease Prevention, Toronto Public Health gave an overview of the following reports coming up for the next Board of Health meeting. (Pandemic, HPV, Strategic Plan, Propane explosion and the Status of Diabetes).

-The Board of Health Agenda will be set September 10th, 2008-09.

-The Operating Budget is coming to the Board in 2009

-New TPH fish consumption resource A Guide to Eating Fish for Women, Children and Families - discussion on the consumption of fish followed.

Action: Tracy will provide resource samples for the next meeting

6.0 Public Engagement - Working Group

The Working Group met July 14th – a copy of the key recommendations was distributed.

Tracy requested feedback on the prototype of SLHC created by Marisa Charles.

Tracy also reported on the progress made with Dorset Park a priority neighbourhood.

Dorset Park is interested in the possibility of partnering – Marisa will attend the meeting at Dorset Park this month and provide information about the Scarborough Local Health Committee.

7.0 Community Right to Know Letter

Toronto Environment Alliance has requested SLHC to write a letter of support to Scarborough Council.

Discussion on SLHC advocacy role followed.

Action: Jann Houston to ask for clarification of Local Health Committee's role in advocating health issues at the next Department Management Team meeting and will inform Vaij.

8.0 Other Business

Achieving Equity in Health

LHC members were made aware of Achieving Equity in Health fall members meeting (open session) being held Wednesday September 17th 2008 at the University of Toronto, Medical Sciences Building, Room 3171

9.0 Next meeting

Committee Room #1

November 10th, 2008 -