

**Approved**

Scarborough Local Health Committee  
Monday, November 10, 2008  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Vaij Chari, Khaliq Jabbar, Heidi Sin, Linda Napier, Lucy Bonanno, Brian Hyndman, Dr. Abdul Fattah, Haweiya Egeh, Saleem Haniff, Dhinesh Sivananthan  
Toronto Public Health Staff  
Jann Houston, Tracy Sheridan, Bessie Shaw  
Guest: Rita Paul-Sengupta

Regrets: Ed Castro, Colin Hughes, Marisa Charles

- 1.0 Introductions- Welcome to Bessie Shaw, Community Health Officer assigned to SLHC and fond farewell to Tracy Sheridan.  
Agenda Approved with two changes-  
Item 5.0 The Unequal City-Income and Health Inequalities in Toronto  
Report: Presentation deferred.  
5.0 Added Presentation by Rita Paul Sengupta on Participatory Health Research in Toronto's Racialized Communities.
- 2.0 Approval of September Minutes (Khaliq and Abdul moved and seconded)
- 3.0 Business Arising from Minutes –
  - 3.1 TPH Champion Awards Update-Vaij shared information about the award recipients in the two categories- Wendy Babcock, a harm reduction worker from Street Health in the individual category and the Scarborough volunteer clinic doctors and dentists in the group/organization category.
  - 3.2 Advocacy Training Update:  
As a follow-up to the recommendation from the September LHC forum on Civic engagement and advocacy two members from SLHC were needed to participate in a work group to develop guidelines on how LHC's can effectively outreach and engage their local communities.  
Dr. Abdul Fattah and Haweiya Egeh volunteered to represent SLHC.
  - 3.3 Community Right to Know Letter- in support of the proposed Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program by-law– Members approved the draft letter. Letter must be from SLHC; therefore, Vaij will sign the letters to be sent to all Scarborough Councillors after the by-law is approved by the BOH on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff to sort out contact person at top of letterhead.
  - 3.4 TPH Eating fish resources- Tracy distributed copies of 'A Guide to Eating Fish for Women'

- 4.0 Public Engagement – Potential Partnerships
  - 4.1 Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC)  
Presentation by: Nadia Gouveia, Dorset Park ANC Manager  
Further discussion at a later date to strategize on how LHC can work together with ANC.  
Tracy will link up with LHC. Khaliq says he has information in many languages.
  
- 5.0 Participatory Health Research in Toronto's Racialized Communities  
Speaker – Rita Paul Sengupta  
Information sharing and discussion followed.
  
- 6.0 Board of Health Update:
  - 6.1 Jann Houston, Director of Healthy Living Chronic Disease Prevention provided overviews on Budget, Pandemic, Student Nutrition Program Funding, TB report, bedbugs issue; and will get 2009 operating budget summary to Bessie for distribution to members.
  
- 7.0 LHC Chairs Meeting Update:
  - 7.1 LHC Chairs' Meeting: Vajj provided overview of the meeting – it appears that the Local Health Committees are in agreement that safety, poverty, environment and employment are priority health issues. Other topics discussed by the Chairs were taking meetings to the community, advocacy and scheduling LHC meetings before BOH meetings in order to facilitate advocacy on time sensitive issues.
  
- 8.0 Other Business
  - 8.1 June minutes missing in BOH reports: Tracy to follow up with Clerk on how best to facilitate timely inclusion
  - 8.2 Suggestion to have a LHC table at ANC Job Fair in March 2009.
  - 8.3 Windfarm near Scarborough Bluffs – to be tabled for next meeting when Colin is present. Tracy to get information from Colin, then email to members.
  - 8.4 Scarborough Civic Action Network (SCAN) – Tracy gives overview of summit.
  - 8.5 Tracy to send 'Good Jobs' forum info to members.
  
- 9.0 Next Meetings in 2009:  
January 12, February 2, April 14, May 11, June 8.