North York Local Health Committee Tuesday March 3, 2009 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 1, Lower Level

APPROVED MINUTES

- **Present:** Sandra Romano Anthony, Janet Maher, Anne McConnell, Bill Coleman, Lidia Monaco, Earle Straus, Anna Walsh, Valerie Sterling (Chair), Margaret Cheung, Sara Farrell (recorder), Eleanor Ziv
- **Regrets:** Sue Makin, Marvin Gold, Jane McDonald
- **Absent:** Christian Havriliuc
- 1.0 Welcome
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda of March 3, 2009 Janet approved, Anna seconded.
- **3.0 Review of Minutes from January 13, 2009** Minutes approved by Lidia, seconded by Anna.
- 4.0 Business Arising from Minutes:
 4.1 Sewage Leakage and Possible Related Illnesses: Earl updated group about meeting he attended, please see his email dated today.

ACTION: Sue will arrange to have either Dr. Michael Finkelstein or Howard Shapiro present at our next meeting in April for ¹/₂ hr for discussion.

5.0 Poverty and Health 2nd Roundtable: Group debriefed and reviewed attached community comments on provincial poverty reduction strategy and evaluation of roundtable comments. Next Steps: to send a letter summarizing the comments on the strategy to the provincial poverty committee and the premier before the release of the provincial budget on March 26th, 2009. And to send the letter as well to all roundtable participants and encourage them to send their own version of the letter as well.

ACTION: Janet agreed to draft letter (with all LHC members sending her their own comments in advance) and to send out to all for review on Monday March 9th

LHC members to send all comments by Thursday March 12th at 5:00 so Janet can incorporate and finalize by Friday, March 13th. Eleanor to send the draft letter out to all roundtable participants encouraging participants to send their own letter on to the province as well. NY LHC final version of letter to be okayed and signed by Valerie on the 19th before being mailed and emailed out.

6.0 Board of Health Report Updates

Valerie briefly reviewed last board meeting and encouraged all to go to the website for further details: Highlighted report on Childhood Immunizations.

7.0 Agenda Planning for Meetings: April, May

April Agenda will include a ¹/₂ hr discussion on Sewage Leakage and Health, and then a follow up to the release of the provincial budget and what the implications are for the poverty reduction strategy.

May agenda will include Hh Protein/Low Carbohydrate Diets concerns raised by Sandra.

ACTION: Sue to arrange a nutritionist to speak on TPH nutrition issues and how we might deal with this issue.

8.0 New Business:

Nothing at this time

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9.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting April 14th at 6:00 pm.