

APPROVED MINUTES
Scarborough Local Health Committee
Tuesday, April 14th, 2009
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room #2

- Present:** Brian Hyndman, Abdul Fattah, Heidi Sin, Dhinesh Sivananthan,
Vaij Chari (Chair)
Toronto Public Health Staff
Bessie Shaw, Jann Houston, Jean Liburd (Minutes),
- Regrets:** Marisa Charles, Khaliq Jabbar, Saleem Haniff, Lucy Bonnano, Linda Napier,
Ed Castro, Colin Hughes, Haweiya Egeh
- Guests:** Dr. Melvin Hsu, (Manager Dental & Oral Services)
Karen Beckermann, (Supervisor Vaccine Preventable Disease)-(Observation)

1.0 Agenda Approval

Agenda was approved.

2.0 Dental & Oral Health Services

Dr. Melvin Hsu, Manager Dental & Oral Health Services gave a presentation on the dental services provided by Toronto Public Health, its Mandate and Objectives. Members were informed that Toronto Public Health provides free dental services for eligible clients, including low-income seniors and qualifying children in 14 dental clinics throughout the City.

One of the programs discussed was the CINOT program expansion which was launched in Scarborough and will now include children up to age 18. Also mentioned were several future Dental Clinic site locations throughout Scarborough which will be opening in the fall of 2009 and summer 2010.

3.0 Approval of February 2nd, '09 Minutes

The Minutes of February 2nd, '09 were not approved due to insufficient members to meet quorum.

4.0 Business Arising: Public Engagement

4.1 **Action for Neighbourhood Change** - New strategies for Public engagement. Vaij mentioned that there was a possibility that this community initiative may be lost. Grants will be ending by the end of this year.

4.2 **Brochure** – Moved to the May 11th meeting as Marisa is absent.

- 4.3 **Strategies for Engagement** – Bessie said she was hoping members would brainstorm – some suggestions for future implementation included: Inviting the Media, Piggy-back on other Health Fairs, place an article in the Scarborough Mirror and participating in Community Health day.

ACTION ITEMS

Action: Bessie to check with Sara regarding other LHC'S work in this area

Action: Vaij to contact ANC in Agincourt and Mike Adler of the Scarborough Mirror

Action: Jann to check with Mary Margaret Crapper to review guidelines for the Ad to be placed in the Scarborough Mirror and get back to Vaij

Action: Jann to check with Carol Timmings re Community Health Day

Action: Jean to check previous Minutes for the suggestions of the Working Group

5.0 Board of Health Update

Jann Houston provided overviews on Food Safety and Foodborne Illness in Toronto, Diabetes Prevention Strategy report and Toronto Public Health's 2009 Approved Operating Budget. Jann mentioned that the Diabetes Report is currently under consideration. She also discussed giving a presentation on Diabetes to LHC members in May. Discussion followed.

Action: Bessie to send out Board of Health Agenda Link to Committee members

5.1 2009 Public Health Champion Award

Vaij provided feedback from last year's event. Members were in agreement to have Ed Castro continue as SLHC representative. Vaij mentioned that nominations will start May 4th and close in June and applications will be reviewed in September with Awards given out in October. In addition, Information will be available on the website.

Action: Vaij will send out reminder and contact number to LHC members.

6.0 Other

Vaij provided information on Central East LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan. The four priorities mentioned were Seamless Care for seniors, Mental Health and Addictions, Chronic Disease Prevention and Management and Wait Times and Critical Care. She also mentioned that the IHSP is designed to create an efficient system where there is very little wait time. Dr. Abdul Fattah asked if it was possible to have the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Agency (OHPPA) present their Mandate to the Scarborough Local Health Committee.

7.0 Next Meeting: May 11, 2009 -Committee Room #1