

Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Date: Thursday February 5, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre – 399 The West Mall, Main Floor Board Room

Present: Alejandra Bravo (Chair), Dr. Cadigia Ali, Marcel Beals, Tina Caruana, Linda Coltman, Mohamed Nur, Derrick Shaw, Alexandrina Stoilova, Thomas Marquette, Sue Huang (CHO), Madalaine Asta (minutes)

Guests: Mimi Lowi-Young (CEO of Central West LHIN), Maria Herrera (TPH - Manager, Healthy Living, Urban Issues)

Regrets: Irene Martino, Turgay Kirbiyik, Sonali Verma, Dr. Hazel Stewart

1.0 Review of Agenda

Motion moved by Linda to include “update on Local Health Committee Outreach Strategy” under New Business 6.2 Motion seconded by Cadigia.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Addition of item 2.2: Marcel to set up an information management system for Etobicoke/York LHC for in meeting minutes, PowerPoint from guest speakers, etc. Motion to approve minutes with addition moved by Cadigia and seconded by Marcel.

2.0 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3.0 Central West LHINS Presentation – Mimi Lowi-Young, CEO Central West LHINS

We thank Marcel for inviting Mimi Lowi-Young to our Etobicoke/York LHC meeting. Mimi has 30 years of experience in health care. Mimi gave a PowerPoint presentation on their Strategic Directions and Plan for Action to year 2019. She also briefly address how service changes may affected Rexdale residents. Note there is a shuttle bus service from Etobicoke William Osler Health Care Centre to Brampton site.

Some of the statistics provided: Central West LHIN services approximately 798,038 (6.2%) of the population in Ontario. Central West LHIN has 52 health care service providers – the least of all the LHINs. The LHINs boundaries was established via centre care postal codes. The challenge is to try to define a population to be served. The largest population is Brampton at 450,000. The most under-serviced is Hamilton. Brampton has a much younger population compared to Dufferin County with a higher seniors population.

Rexdale, in 2001 census represent 21% of the Central West LHIN. In 2006 census, Rexdale numbers dropped to 17.1%. Yet it has the highest population density. 2001 census show Rexdale with a 55.6% immigration population; 58.6% visible minority and highest concentration of seniors. Mimi confirmed there is a high percentage of low birth weight and

infant mortality in Rexdale. Central West LHINs has created a sub-LHIN for Rexdale. They have collected many demographic information on Rexdale. **ACTION:** Marcel to connect with Mimi's assistant for the data.

Pamphlets and copies of Annual Reports were distributed. Questions and answers followed. Mimi Lowi-Young has offered to come back in 3 month's time with additional senior staff to garner input. Marcel volunteered to collect outstanding questions from the LHC Members and send to Mimi-Lowi Young. **ACTION:** All members to send questions to Marcel ASAP.

4.0 Teen Pregnancy/Sexual Health Update

A list of TPH partnered Sexual Health Clinics was distributed. Currently, there is only one clinic in the former City of York. Sue has been following up with internal Sexual Health Stakeholder Team. The suggestion from the workgroup members is to request a gathering of statistics on how many they service at each clinic; numbers they turned away, etc. Irene to inquire with the youth in her area where they are going to access sexual health clinic services. **ACTION:** Sue will keep members updated, and pull in workgroup members as needed.

5.0 Wiki Web Page

ACTION: Marcel Beals will update members at next meeting.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Harassment and Discrimination at Meetings

Public meetings such as LHC is one way in which residents have an opportunity to help shape what happens in their communities. Sometimes these meetings can become heated because the issues dealt with go to the very core of community feelings and values. The City of Toronto has developed a guide to help staff and representatives run public meetings effectively. More importantly, it will prevent and stop harassment and discrimination under the City of Toronto's Human Rights and Harassment Policy.

Following January's meeting a few members had expressed concerns regarding inappropriate comments leading to hurt feelings. Copies of "Addressing Harassing and/or Discriminatory Comments at Public Meetings" was distributed to all members. Maria walked members through some of the key issues and encourage all members to read it more thoroughly, at a later date. A discussion ensued. No enforcement policy yet.

ACTION: Sue to e-mail members Meeting Policies and Procedures.

http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/ceat/pdf/2006-03-02_presentation.pdf.

ACTION: Maria to follow up with City Clerk's office on enforcement of anti-discrimination/ harassment policy.

A motion was proposed that the LHC members undergo orientation on policies around human rights and harassment policy. Amendment to the motion by Mohamed that members

have to sign they have read the harassment policy. Motion moved by Marcel Beals and seconded by Linda Coltman. Motion carried.

6.2 Update on Local Health Committee Outreach Strategy Workgroup

Linda and Irene, representing Etobicoke/York LHC attended workgroup meeting in January 22, 2009. There was lively discussion around community engagement. They will pilot the strategic plan with Etobicoke/York. Presentation to members at the next LHC April 16th meeting.

7.0 Board of Health Report

Review of February 10, 2009 Board of Health Agenda by the Chair

Summary of the agenda was distributed. Full reports are available on the City of Toronto website. No recommendations or comments to be brought forth to BOH meeting.

8.0 Next Meeting

Date: Thurs. April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Member's Lounge

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair