

Board of Health

Meeting No.	21	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Tuesday, February 10, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor John Filion

Attendance

Members of the Board of Health were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section “Meeting Sessions”, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	R
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher	R
Councillor Chin Lee	X
Councillor Gord Perks	X
Trustee Soo Wong	R
Alejandra Bravo	X
Vaijyanthi Chari	X
Wangari Muriuki	X
Fiona Nelson	X
Lisa O'Brien	R
Valerie Sterling	X

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on January 19, 2009, were confirmed.

HL21.1	Information	Received		Ward: All
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City of Toronto-South East District Botswana HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership Update

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the presentation by Councillor Kyle Rae and Liz Janzen, Director, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities, Toronto Public Health, on the City of Toronto-South East District Botswana HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership and expressed its thanks to Councillor Kyle Rae, Liz Janzen, Barbara Emanuel and all other Toronto Public Health staff involved with this project.

Origin

(January 15, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Toronto Public Health has led an HIV/AIDS capacity-building partnership with South East District Council (SEDC), a municipal government in Botswana, for the past six years. The partnership has been funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The focus has been on Palliative Care and Support and HIV/AIDS prevention through youth engagement by establishing a youth-led Kicking AIDS Out (KAO) initiative, the South East District Youth Empowerment League (SEDYEL). Youth engagement was the primary focus of the partnership in recent years. SEDYEL has a sports program (soccer league), peer educators to conduct outreach and HIV/AIDS prevention activities in the community, as well as a female-specific initiative called Kgatelopele Safe Spaces. SEDYEL is supported through a partnership between the City of Toronto, SEDC, Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC), UK Sport, Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) of Kenya, Schools Without Borders and the Kicking AIDS Out Secretariat.

In 2007, City Council established the Global AIDS Fund as a legacy of hosting the 2006 International AIDS Conference. Grants from this fund were allocated to Schools Without Borders to facilitate HIV/AIDS prevention initiatives and to support the building of a youth centre to house SEDYEL. This centre will serve as the office and meeting space for SEDYEL.

The partnership, funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), has now been wrapped up in its original form. However, the City of Toronto, under the leadership of Toronto Public Health, will continue to provide mentoring and support to SEDYEL and SEDC. The City will also continue to work with FCM to develop an HIV/AIDS skills sharing approach with particular emphasis on youth engagement using the Botswana-Toronto partnership as a model.

Background Information

hl21.1 - City of Toronto - South East District Botswana HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership Update - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18661.pdf>

Communications

(February 10, 2009) presentation from Liz Janzen, Director, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities, Toronto Public Health, and Councillor Kyle Rae (HL.Main.HL21.1.1)

Speakers

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale
Liz Janzen, Director, Healthy Communities, Healthy Living, Toronto Public Health (Submission Filed)

Motions

Motion to Receive Item moved by Councillor John Filion (Carried)
That the item be received for information.

HL21.2	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Childhood Immunization Coverage in Toronto

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. urged the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to:
 - i. work with local public health units and primary care practitioners to implement strategies to promote age-appropriate vaccinations of children and youth;
 - ii. work with the Medical Officer of Health to further assess immunization coverage-related inequalities for Toronto children;
 - iii. implement a strategy to measure immunization coverage for children at two years of age in Ontario at regular intervals;
 - iv. ensure that local Boards of Health have access to a comprehensive immunization registry for collecting immunization information; in particular that the proposed PANORAMA national communicable disease information system:
 - a. is aligned with the data and functional elements recommended by the Canadian Immunization Registry Network (CIRN);
 - b. allows for assessment of all vaccines for public health purposes including mandatory and non-mandatory vaccines, new vaccines and vaccines that are publicly and non-publicly funded;

- c. is designed so that it can easily accept electronic information from health care provider electronic medical records to allow for the efficient capture of immunizations provided in the community; and
 - d. allows for assessment of coverage data by other variables stored in the registry including provider, geographic elements, and socio-demographic variables; and
 - v. ensure that Ontario's e-Health strategy of electronic health record systems for primary care providers is capable of updating and communicating immunization information into the proposed PANORAMA system for public health units;
2. urged the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada to expand the Canadian National Immunization Survey sample size to allow for analysis of immunization coverage data at the local level and to collect data on socio-demographic and economic factors to assess inequalities in vaccination coverage;
3. requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - i. report back to the Board of Health on inequalities in vaccination coverage in Toronto; and
 - ii. include compliance and resource implications with respect to the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program as part of his report to the Board of Health on overall compliance with the 2008 Ontario Public Health Standards;
4. requested the Medical Officer to explore possible links with Toronto Children's Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services in order to facilitate the access of immunization information from licensed child care centres; and
5. forwarded this report to the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC), e-Health Ontario, the Provincial Panorama Steering Committee, the Canadian Health Infoway, the Institute for Clinical and Evaluative Sciences, the Canadian Immunization Registry Network, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Origin

(January 26, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The incidence of communicable diseases affecting children has been greatly reduced in Canada since the introduction of vaccination programs 50 years ago. Immunization has saved more lives in Canada than any other health intervention. New vaccines continue to be developed, approved and funded to prevent the death and disease associated with communicable diseases. However, outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases still occur in Toronto despite free access to most vaccines.

In order for immunization programs to be successful, high rates of coverage are required among children and adults. Immunization coverage rates are a recognized indicator of population health and health system performance. Toronto's coverage rate for mandatory vaccinations among school age children is 96.1%, close to the national target of 99%. However the monitoring and assessment of coverage rates for all vaccines can be improved locally, provincially and nationally.

This report provides information on childhood vaccination coverage rates in Toronto. It provides a summary of the immunization programs provided by Toronto Public Health (TPH) in relation to the new Ontario Public Health Standards. It compares coverage rates locally, provincially and nationally for mandatory and non-mandatory vaccinations. The importance of meeting the national immunization targets is reviewed including strategies to improve coverage for Toronto children. Finally, this report advocates for the systematic collection of immunization data through a local, provincial and national immunization registry.

Background Information

hl21.2 - Childhood Immunization Coverage in Toronto - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18659.pdf>

Communications

(February 10, 2009) presentation from Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Communicable Disease Control, and Associate Medical Officer of Health (HL.Main.HL21.2.1)

Speakers

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Communicable Disease Control (Submission Filed)

Dr. Vinita Dubey, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Public Health

Motions

Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Valerie Sterling (Carried)

That the Board of Health request the Medical Officer to explore possible links with Toronto Children's Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services in order to facilitate the access of immunization information from licensed child care centres.

Motion to Adopt Item as Amended moved by Fiona Nelson (Carried)

HL21.3	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Hot Weather Response Plan Update

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (January 27, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Origin

(January 27, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update on the City of Toronto Hot Weather Response Plan and the experience of summer 2008. The report also includes updates on several recommendations made at the April 16, 2007 Board of Health meeting and outlines specific initiatives being undertaken to improve the Hot Weather Response Plan.

Background Information

hl21.3 - Hot Weather Response Plan Update - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18660.pdf>

Motions

Motion to Receive Item moved by Councillor John Filion (Carried)
 That the item be received for information.

HL21.4	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Local Health Committee Minutes**Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received, for information, the minutes of the following Local Health Committee meetings:

- Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 10, 2008.
- Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Summary

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- Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Background Information

hl21.4 - Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - November 10, 2008
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18662.pdf>

hl21.4 - North York Local Health Committee Minutes - December 9, 2008
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18733.pdf>

Motions

Motion to Receive Item moved by Valerie Sterling (Carried)

That the item be received for information.

HL21.5	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update**Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received, for information, the verbal update by Dr. Barbara Yaffe on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health will give a verbal update on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

Speakers

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Communicable Disease Control

Motions

Motion to Receive Item moved by Fiona Nelson (Carried)

That the item be received for information.

HL21.6	Information	Amended		Ward: All
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Sub-Committee to Conduct the 2008 Performance Appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health**Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health established a Sub-Committee to Conduct the 2008 Performance Appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health and appointed the following members to the Sub-Committee:

- Councillor John Filion;
- Councillor Janet Davis;
- Alejandra Bravo;
- Vaijyanthi Chari; and
- Wangari Muriuki.

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health will give a verbal update report on this matter.

Motions

Motion to Amend Item moved by Councillor John Filion (Carried)

That the Board of Health establish a Sub-Committee to Conduct the 2008 Performance Appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health and appointed the following members to the Sub-Committee:

- Councillor John Filion;
- Councillor Janet Davis;
- Alejandra Bravo;
- Vaijyanthi Chari; and
- Wangari Muriuki.

HL21.7	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Diabetes Prevention Strategy

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee, for consideration during the 2009 Operating Budget process, that:

1. The Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget be increased by \$186,065 gross and \$0.0 net, and 1.0 temporary position, to reflect confirmed one-time funding for January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 from the Ministry of Health Promotion for the Diabetes Prevention Strategy.

Origin

(February 4, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides information on the implementation and funding of a new Diabetes Prevention Strategy for the community and the workplace in Toronto. The project will be conducted between January 2009 and March 2010 and will be 100% funded by the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP). Toronto Public Health (TPH) has received confirmation of funding from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009. Confirmation of funding for April 2009 to March 2010 is expected in March 2009.

Diabetes is a major public health challenge and is one of the fastest growing diseases in Canada and around the world. As of 2004, over two million Canadians are currently living with diabetes and that number is expected to reach three million by 2010. The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Studies (ICES) and St. Michael's Hospital's 2007 report Neighbourhood Environments and Resources for Healthy Living – A Focus on Diabetes in Toronto (known as the Diabetes Atlas) estimated the Toronto prevalence rate for diabetes was 7.6%, compared to 6.2% for the rest of Ontario. This was based on 1998/99 hospitalization and physician billing data.

This project will focus efforts on implementing diabetes prevention activities in up to two communities where adults are at high risk for diabetes and in six workplaces using a comprehensive workplace approach.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Health about this new program and Toronto Public Health's plan for implementation. The report also seeks approval to adjust the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget to include the related funding and to increase the staff complement by 1.0 temporary position.

Background Information

hl21.7 - Diabetes Prevention Strategy - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18867.pdf>)

Motions

Motion to Add New Business at Committee moved by Councillor Gord Perks (Carried)

Motion to Adopt Item moved by Councillor Gord Perks (Carried)

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Councillor John Filion, Chair, Board of Health

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2009-02-10	Afternoon	1:10 PM	2:25 PM	Public

Attendance

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
2009-02-10 1:10 PM - 2:25 PM (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Bravo, Chari, Davis, Filion, Lee, Muriuki, Nelson, Perks, Sterling <i>Not Present:</i> Cho, Fletcher, O'Brien, Wong