

MINUTES
Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Date: Thursday June 11, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 399 the West Mall (Main Floor Board Room)

Present: Alejandra Bravo (Chair), Mohamed Warsame, Mohamed Nur, Sonali Verma, Irene Martino, Cadigia Ali, Derrick Shaw

Staff: Dr. Hazel Stewart, Sue Huang, Madalaine Asta (minutes)

Regrets: Marcel Beals, Tina Caruana, Linda Coltman, Turjay Kirbiyik, Alexandrina Stoilova, Thomas Marquette

Quorum was reached at 6:25 p.m.

1.0 Minutes of last meeting

Motion by Cadigia Ali to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mohamed Nur
Motion Carried.

2.0 Review of Agenda

Motion moved by Sonali that the above items be added to the agenda under “New Business”

- i. Violent Trauma as an impact on Mental Health
- ii. LHC Membership Attendance
- iii. TPH Strategic Direction

Motion was seconded by Irene Martino. Motion Carried.

3.0 Conflict of Interest

Upon review of the agenda items, no conflicts of interest were declared.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Rules of Procedure for Advisory Bodies

As a follow up to February 5th meeting, where the policy on Harassment and Discrimination was discussed, Sue and e-mail all the members the Rules of Procedure for Advisory Bodies. The role of the chair is to ensure that meeting agenda is followed. The agenda is approved at the beginning of the meeting. To make changes to the agenda, one need to make a motion and have it approved by members.

Motion moved by Mohamed Nur. Motion seconded by Sonali Verma. Motion was carried.

4.2 Deferred update on status of Wiki Web Page

4.3 Deferred update on Teen Pregnancy/STI/sexual health clinics

4.4 Deferred review of new TCH restructuring and it's impact on tenant health

4.5 Deferred discussion on LHC Outreach Strategy

4.6 Public Health Champion Awards 2009.

Packages of the Champion Awards nominations were distributed to all members present. Encouraged members to promote the awards to their community networks.

4.7 Call for a public inquiry for Listeriosis Outbreak

Derrick suggested that LHC make a motion to Board of Health asking for a full judicial enquiry pertaining to the Listeriosis Outbreak of 2008. The listeria outbreak resulted in 22 deaths. An enquiry was held for the Walkerton water contamination which killed 11 people. Current inquiry does tell what went wrong, and who is responsible. It does not allow the public to know how the recommendations were raised.

The issues was discussed at the Board of Health. The suggestion was to wait for the report to come out before we make further recommendations

Motion by Derrick Shaw that LHC recommend Toronto Board of Health to call for a full judicial enquiry into the Listeria Oubreak of 2008. Motion Seconded by Irene Martino. Motion carried.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Violent Trauma as an impact on Mental Health

Crisis Response Unit in conjunction with vicarious trauma team can be deployed to communities impacted by violence and trauma. Many of the community members are not aware of this service offered by the City of Toronto.

Motion to have a presentation from Crisis Response Unit/TPH to discuss services and impact of violence and mental health on residents. Motion moved by Irene Martino, seconded by Sonali Verma. One opposed. Motion carried.

5.2 LHC Membership Attendance

So far, we have had two meetings without quorum, plus one cancelled meeting due to lack of quorum. Low attendance, such as not achieving quorum impacts approval of minutes and decision making. Need to review membership to re-establish quorum. One member is currently on maternity leave. Another member have missed 9 meetings with limited update on sending regrets. Under the Terms of Reference, if a member missed three meetings without sending regrets, they may lose membership.

Motion moved by Mohamed Nur to reduce the members on the committee temporarily from 13 to 11 to facilitate reaching quorum. Seconded by Sonali Verma. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION: Chair to send notification to members re above changes. Staff to arrange teleconference to accommodate member participation.

To ensure greater attendance, Sue and Mohammed was to draft a newsletter or PowerPoint updating members on LHC accomplishments to date. **Motion by Derrick to review LHC accomplishments.** Seconded by Irene Martino. Motion carried.

5.3 TPH Strategic Direction

A verbal update was provided by the Chair regarding TPH strategic direction. More information to follow at a later date.

5.4 Etobicoke Community Advisory Council

Tina motioned to add an additional agenda item for information only. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

Tina Caruana, also a member on the Etobicoke Community Advisory Council were given a tour of the hospital. The Council had great concerns regarding the physical space, layout, health and safety issues, overcrowded corridors and others. The Council sent a letter, in May, to the Honorable David Caplan expressing their concerns. Tina shared a copy of the letter to LHC members for information.

6.0 Board of Health Report

The Chair reviewed Board of Health Meeting Agenda for June 15, 2009.

Under agenda item 24.3: A Five Year Plan for Strengthening Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto, **members expressed concern regarding which schools participate in the Student Nutrition Programs, what food is given to children, also the need for comprehensive breakfast program not only food but social & educational elements, program to be included for high school students.**

ACTION: The Chair will bring concerns and questions to Board of Health on behalf of this committee.

7.0 Next Meeting

Date: September 17, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 399 The West Mall (Main Fl. Bd. Room)

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Cadigia Ali to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mohamed Nur
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.