

MINUTES
Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Date: Thursday October 15, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 399 The West Mall (Main Floor Board Room)

Present: Marcel Beals (Acting Chair), Mohamed Warsame, Mohamed Nur, Sonali Verma, Irene Martino, Cadigia Ali, Alexandrina Stoilova, Thomas Marquette

Staff: Dr. Hazel Stewart, Sue Huang, Victoria Silveira (minutes)

Regrets: Alejandra Bravo, Tina Caruana, Linda Coltman

Turgay Kirbiyik did not present and did not send regrets.

Alejandra sent her regrets. Sonali motioned to nominate Marcel as acting chair. Mohamed W. second the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

1.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion moved by Cadigia to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Irene.
Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Cadigia request to add health issues in the community to the agenda under new business.
Motion to approve agenda with addition moved by Cadigia; and seconded by Irene.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

4.0 Toronto Food Strategy Project

Peter Dorfman from Toronto Public Health presented on Food Strategy Development. Handouts of the presentation were distributed. Lively dialogue had to be cut short as we have a long list of agenda items requiring follow up. Additional comments or suggestions from members can be forwarded to Peter directly, or through Sue.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Etobicoke/York LHC achievements

Mohamed W. had created a presentation showing Etobicoke-York LHC accomplishments. As we are short of time, Mohamed W. will e-mail his presentation to all the members

- 5.2 Status of Wiki Web Page
To host a web page will cost money. An alternative is use of Google. Marcel will investigate further and report back to members. If the alternative is viable, Marcel will set up an internet connection for next meeting
- 5.3 Update on Teen pregnancy/ Sexual Health Issues
Toronto Public Health is still under negotiation with Black Creek CHC. It is anticipated to open shortly. Hazel congratulated LHC members for championing the issue and seeing the results to fruition.
- 5.4 TCHC restructuring and it's impact on tenant health
Item deferred until Linda's return.
- 5.5 Tracking advocacy motion
Item deferred for discussion to next meeting.
- 5.6 Further Discussion on Rules of Procedure for Advisory Bodies
Item deferred for discussion to next meeting

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Fundraising for medical treatment of child in Somalia
Cadigia presented pictures of a child in Somalia who was shot and needs medical attention. A community group is seeking financial assistance through organizations in Canada. Member suggested Herbie Fund; which they are now currently under review. Members were requested to e-mail Cadigia with suggestions.
- 6.2 LHC Membership
The criteria for Etobicoke/York LHC is for citizens who either live, work or voluntary in Etobicoke/York area. As Derrick no longer resides, or work in Etobicoke/York area, he is no longer eligible to be an Etobicoke/York LHC member.
- Motion: Whereas Turgay Kirbiyik has missed three consecutive meetings without sending regrets; his membership is revoked. Motioned by Irene and seconded by Sonali. All in favor. Motion carried.

Whereas two members of the LHC are no longer active members, be it resolved Etobicoke/York LHC moved that these members not be replaced.

7.0 Board of Health Agenda for November 16th

HL25.3 Influenza Immunization Rates of Healthcare Workers in Toronto Healthcare Facilities. Members agreed that urging and encouraging HCW to get immunization is great, but as long as it is not made mandatory. Members felt HCW should have the final decision regarding their own immunization.

HL25.11 Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Coverage for New Immigrants with Tuberculosis. Etobicoke/York LHC members are in full support of this initiative

HL25.12 Future of the BOH TB Sub-Committee. Members felt they did not have enough information to support or oppose the recommendations. Requesting Alejandra to report back as to the reasons why they are moving from a sub-committee to a coalition.

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

8.0 Next Meeting

Date: Thursday November 12, 2009
Time: 6.00 p.m.
Location: 399 The West Mall (Main Fl. Bd. Room)

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Cadigia Ali to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sonali Varma
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chair