

# North Local Health Committee

Wednesday February 10, 2010  
North York Civic Centre  
5100 Yonge Street  
Committee Rm 4, lower level  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Valerie Sterling (Chair), Sandra Romano Anthony, Bill Coleman, Sara Farrell, Janet Maher, Sue Makin, Anne McConnell, Lidia Monaco, Earle Straus, Anna Walsh, Eleanor Ziv (recorder)

**Regrets:** Margaret Cheung, Marvin Gold, Michelle Grader, Jane McDonald

### **1.0 Welcome**

Valerie welcomed Marinella Arduini, TPH HL Manager, and Kalsoom Rashid, PH nurse, to the meeting.

### **2.0 Approval of Agenda from February 10, 2010 Meeting**

The agenda of February 10th was approved by Janet Maher and seconded by Lidia Monaco

### **3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2010**

All action items were completed.

Minutes of January 14, 2010 were approved by Janet Maher and seconded by Anna Walsh

### **4.0 Business Arising from Minutes:**

#### **4.1 Toronto Public Health Strategic Planning**

The Strategic Planning report will go to the BOH in June

There is no plan for further community consultation at this time. Therefore, there is no further action for the LHC to take.

### **5.0 New Business:**

#### **5.1 Full Day Early Learning and Implications for TPH: Sue Makin**

Sue provided a PowerPoint presentation on the, "With Our Best Future in Mind Implementing Early Learning in Ontario" Report by Dr. Charles Pascal, Special Advisor of Early Learning.

- The Report covers an Early Years vision for Ontario (0-12 years).
- The Report provides Premier McGuinty with direction on the implementation of full day learning for 4 and 5 year olds which entitles each child turning 4 to two years of a full-day learning operated by School Boards with parents only paying for an extended day/year program.
- The Early Learning vision also sees the school as a "hub" for the community and is meant to streamline funding, accountability and service delivery.
- Public Health (PH) is in full support of the overall vision. Investment in children now is an investment in the future. Other PH programs like Preschool Speech and

Language, Mental Health, Pre and Post Natal, Early Identification and Nutrition are a good fit with the Vision.

- The Report is considered a transformative investment and will require a significant amount of change and challenges. There is a lot of detail still to be worked out. It will take about 5 years to implement.
- The Consolidated Municipal Service Manager will assume leadership for the planning process at a local level.
- Public Health's involvement:
  - OPHA expressed support
  - Joint alPHa and OMSSA forum in January
  - Participating in OMSSA/alPHa Early Year Service Planning Model Development workgroup
  - The Report does not take into account the broader services that PH provide. The Province needs a better understanding of this before decisions re funding are made
  - There is a question about whether there are currently sufficient resources to provide the level of service envisioned by the Report
  - The City is putting together a working group to establish a hub piloting project
- A report is going to BOH on March 22.
- Recommendation is that a draft letter be sent to the Premier, the Ministers of Education, Health Promotion, Children and Youth Services and the four School Boards, to support this investment in children and increase awareness of PH services that are part of this Vision.

**ACTION:** Janet will draft a letter for the NLHC's consideration.

## **5.2 North West Diabetes Project Update:** Marinella Arduini and Kalsoom Rashid

- Kalsoom Rashid gave a brief overview of her involvement in the Diabetes program. She presented the Diabetes Prevention program in the Jane/Finch area.
- Marinella gave an update on PH's involvement with various partnerships and interventions in the different areas. There is a strong focus on building community capacity. TPH does diabetes screening and focuses on education in healthy eating. They hold information sessions with different cultural and high risk groups.
- Valerie thanked Marinella and Kalsoom for their information and asked that they keep the Committee informed on any future updates.

## **6.0 Board of Health Update**

- **Food Strategy Report** is asking the BOH to endorse the vision of a health-focussed food system for Toronto and the six proposed directions as a basis for broad community consultation. Peter Dorfman, at an earlier NLHC meeting presented an overview. It is planned that the report will be going to City Council in the summer.
- **Food Advertising to Children: Update.** Report provides updates on practices in commercial advertising to children in Canada and advocacy developments related to the BOH's decision in 2008 to urge governments to prohibit all commercial advertising of food and beverages to children under the age of thirteen years.
- **Food Premises with Repeated Non-compliance with Food Safety Requirements –** Compliance with food safety requirements has increased since the establishment of the DineSafe Program. However, there are a very small number of establishments with repeated non-compliance. The report stated that the MOH will continue to monitor food

safety in Toronto premises and take necessary action in the event of repeated non-compliance.

- **Clean Air Checklist** - TPH is promoting this checklist in schools, community health centres and City of Toronto child care centres.
- **Update - City Council Approved Public Health Capital budget 2010 – 2019**
- Verbal update on **Pandemic Influenza Preparedness** will be given at the BOH

#### **7.0 Other Business**

BOH meeting dates were presented

- BOH not meeting in September, October and December 2010 due to municipal elections.
- There is a BOH meeting on November 22. NLHC meeting date will be Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

**ACTION:** Eleanor to book a meeting room for that day in Cmte Room 4

**8.0 Next Meeting of the North Local Health Committee:** Tuesday, March 16, 2010

**9.0 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8.15 p.m.