

APPROVED MINUTES
 Scarborough Local Health Committee
 Tuesday, October 13th, 2009
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Vaij Chari (Chair), Ed Castro, Haweiya Egeh, Saleem Haniff,
 Heidi Sin
Toronto Public Health Staff
 Jann Houston, Bessie Shaw, Jean Liburd (Minutes)

Regrets: Brian Hyndman, Khaliq Jabbar, Dhinesh Sivananthan, Marisa Charles,
 Linda Napier, Dr. Abdul Fattah

1.0 Agenda Approval

The Agenda was approved by Ed Castro and Saleem Haniff

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Since quorum was not met, the Minutes of September 15th, 2009 were not approved.

ACTION: Vaij to send Minutes electronically to members for approval.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Letter of Support to Chief Bill Blair

Vaij explained to the members who were absent at the Sept 15th meeting the reason for the letter of support to Chief Bill Blair. The draft letter was reviewed and will be sent electronically to all members for approval.

ACTION: Vaij to send letter of support to Chief Bill Blair electronically to members for approval

3.2 Member Recruitment

Bessie mentioned that she was unable to contact the last alternate person on the SLHC wait list. She also mentioned that Maria Herrera, Manager of Urban Issues have approved SLHC members to start recruiting new members for the Committee. Saleem and Ed volunteered to work on recruitment and will inform other members as well.

ACTION: Ed to connect with Bessie electronically.

3.3 Dental Letters

Vaij reported she has received 2 more responses this week to the SLHC letter sent to the Ministry regarding funding for dental care for low income adults in Ontario. Margaret Best, M.P.P. Scarborough Guildwood and Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care both responded to the letter and

Deb Matthews indicated her commitment to expanding dental service to low income adults.

ACTION: Vaij to send a copy of Dental letters to Dr. Hazel Stewart, TPH Director Dental & Oral Health Services as well as discuss with Dr. Stewart the motion to introduce to Board of Health. Vaij will send out motion to members.

4.0 Board of Health Update

Jann gave a brief overview of the following reports to be presented at the October Board of Health meeting: The Future of the Board of Health TB Sub-Committee recommendations, The 2009 Public Health Champion Award, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update, Influenza Immunization Rates of Healthcare Workers in Toronto Healthcare Facilities, Ministry of Health Promotion Funding Reduction to Smoke-Free Ontario Enforcement, Appointment of Associate Medical Officers of Health, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Initial Report on Public Health and OHIP coverage for New Immigrants with Tuberculosis.

4.1 H1N1

Jann updated members on Toronto Public Health H1N1 Campaign. She mentioned that Toronto Public Health is planning for H1N1 vaccination clinics as soon as the vaccine is available. The tentative start date is early November. She also mentioned that some program services may be reduced due to staff redeployment.

5.0 Public Engagement Strategies – Working Group update & discussions

Thanks to Vaij for putting the Workplan together. It was noted that the Timelines, Responsibility and Outcomes of the Workplan was flexible. The 2009-2010 Workplan was reviewed and the following suggestions and changes to the plan were put forward:

1. Possibility of SLHC having a link from TPH site
2. Ongoing forums – SLHC can raise awareness of the services provided by Toronto Public Health
3. Members bring a guest who resides in Scarborough as an Observer on an ongoing basis – *(get feedback from visitors - establish observer protocol)*
4. Post date of the meeting
5. Toronto Community Housing Corporation – *(to be discussed at the next meeting)*
6. Work on the Outcomes of the Workplan

Next meeting of the working group is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th, '09 at Youthlink, 747 Warden Avenue.

ACTION: Vaij to send Workplan to all members

ACTION: Ed to email Agenda and telephone number for the teleconference

ACTION: Ed to email World Café info to members

ACTION: Jann will check with communications re posting date of meetings as well as advertising on the Social Media Network

Vaij mentioned that Central East LHIN Unattached Patient Assessment & Referral Centre has opened at Rouge Valley Health Centre. The Centre provide Newcomers and people without a Family Doctor or Nurse Practitioner full medical assessment and referral if needed as well as find additional health care and support while waiting to be connected to a family Physician in their area.

ACTION: Vaij to send information on the clinic to Jann for Toronto Public Health.

Next meeting: November 9th, 2009
Committee Room #2