

APPROVED MINUTES
Scarborough Local Health Committee
Monday, March 15th, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Vaij Chari (Chair), Marisa Charles, Dr. Abdul Fattah, Ed Castro

Toronto Public Health Staff

Jann Houston, Bessie Shaw, Jean Liburd (Minutes)

Regrets: Linda Napier, Heidi Sin, Haweiyi Egeh, Khaliq Jabbar, Saleem Haniff

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was call to order at 6:20 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Approval

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Since quorum was not met, the Minutes of February 8th were not approved.

The Minutes of November '09 were approved in January'10 and the Minutes of January and February 2010 were approved electronically.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Community Engagement Committee

Bessie mentioned several hurdles encountered in her discussions with Communications on the format and plain language of the Brochure. Bessie provided copies of a draft letter that could be used to raise awareness and to communicate with Community partners. She also mentioned that the letter could be in plain language in brochure format. Ed suggested using the original brochure as well as the letter for recruitment. The letter was reviewed and accepted with some changes.

Action(s):

Bessie will contact Communications re formatting the brochure.

Vaij will follow-up with SCAN regarding SLHC Presentation

Action (s) contd:

Bessie will contact other CHOS

Vaij and Bessie will finalize the letter and forward to Jean for formatting.

Jean to format the letter and place on SLHC Letterhead

5.0 New Business

5.1 Special Diet Allowance

Members were provided with copies of a report on Special Diet Allowance Program from Income Security Advocacy Centre. The Report was read by all and further explained by Jann. She mentioned that the program is at risk of cancellation. Members are all in agreement to submit a motion to the Board of Health to ensure that the Government obeys the order of the Human Rights Tribunal.

Action (s):

Jann to discuss the Motion with Maria Herrera, Manager Urban Issues.

Vaij to draft a Motion and forward to members for approval before going forward to Board of Health

5.2 Scarborough Hospital Community Advisory Council

Jann asked SLHC members if they would be interested in having a representative from the Scarborough Hospital Community Advisory Council come out and present to the Committee. Members were in agreement.

Action (s):

Bessie will make arrangements and report back to the Committee

6.0 Board of Health Update

Jann informed members of the following topics going forward to Board of Health. Breastfeeding in Toronto: Promoting Supportive Environment, The Provincial Early Learning Plan and Implications for Toronto Public Health, Hot Weather Response Plan Update, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update, Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Twelve Months ended December 31, 2009, Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance for the Twelve Months ended December 31, 2009. It was suggested that members check the website for the reports going forward to B.O.H since the agenda posting was delayed.

7.0 Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 26th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.