

APPROVED MINUTES
Scarborough Local Health Committee
Monday April 26th, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre – Committee Room 2

Present: Marisa Charles, Haweiya Egeh, Heidi Sin, Ed Castro, Vaij Chari (Chair)
Toronto Public Health Staff
Jann Houston, Bessie Shaw, Jean Liburd (Minutes)
Guest Observer: Bola Otaraki

Regrets: Linda Napier, Saleem Haniff, Khaliq Jabbar, Dr. Abdul Fattah

1.0 Welcome/ Introduction

Introductions were made around the table upon arrival of guest observer.

2.0 Agenda Approval

The Agenda was reviewed and approved by Marisa and Ed

3.0 Approval of March 15th Minutes

The Minutes of March 15th were approved with the following changes

Remove Dhinesh Sivananthan

November 2009 Minutes were approved in January 2010

January and February Minutes were approved electronically.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 SLHC Brochure/ Guest Invitation Letter

Bessie informed members that the SLHC Brochure has been finalized.

It was decided that Bessie would be contacted by email with printing requests for the brochure close to the date of any SLHC scheduled event.

A PDF of the brochure will be placed on the website.

Vaij mentioned that she attended a meeting of the Scarborough Civic Action Network (SCAN) and had an opportunity to use the Guest Invitation letter to invite guests to SLHC meetings.

Members were advised to start using the letter.

4.2 Special Diet Allowance – Motion to BOH

Vaij reported that the Special Diet Allowance has been eliminated and is being replaced with a new program managed by the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care and that the SLHC Motion to Board of Health was adopted.

Vaij also mentioned that Councillor John Fillion Chair of the Board of Health wrote to the Minister of Community and Social Services requesting the Minister to continue the Special Diet Allowance Program.

4.3 The Scarborough Hospital Community Advisory Council

Vaij attended the Town Hall meeting and connected with the Chair of the Community Advisory Council. Vaij mentioned that the CAC is interested in how they can work with SLHC.

5.0 Board of Health Update

Jann updated members on the following agenda items going forward to May Board of Health meeting:

Public Forum on the Proposed Metrolinx Service Expansion in the Georgetown South Corridor, Improving Toronto's Idling Control By-law: Update, 2010/2011 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies, 2010 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies, 2010 Public Health Champion Awards, Delegation Authority for Purchase of Service Contracts, Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2010, 2009 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health, Budget Adjustments to the Toronto Public Health 2010 Approved Operating Budget, Update on City Council Approved Toronto Public Health 2010 Operating Budget, Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Three Months ended March 26, 2010 and Pandemic Influence Preparedness Update.

6.0 Community Engagement Sub-Committee

Bessie provided members with a list of ANC Sites, Partner Agencies and Site Staff. She mentioned that she was in touch with Laura Harper at Dorset Park and that Laura would welcome the opportunity to present to the SLHC. Members are in agreement to extend an invitation to Laura.

It was also mentioned that Dorset Park will be holding a Fair on June 26th, '10 and Haweiya mentioned she is available to attend.

Vaij asked about SLHC Facebook and Marisa suggested that this would be linked to outreach strategies which will be discussed at the next CEC meeting.

Action (s): Bessie will confirm attendance at SLHC meeting with the Project Co-ordinator at Dorset Park
Haweiya will look into SLHC attending some of the Health Fairs with which she is associated.

7.0 New Business

Some SLHC members mentioned that the parking gates were locked so they had to find parking elsewhere. Members were advised to press buzzer for access.

7.1 Wind Turbine – Information sharing

Vaij mentioned that Scarborough residents disapproved the installation of wind turbines but the City Council has rejected requests to delay the process of installing wind turbines in the area from Ajax to the Leslie Street Spit. She also informed members that it will take about two years for Ontario Hydro to collect the data needed to find out whether a wind farm in the lake is workable. SLHC will wait for further information.

7.2 New Housing development near railway tracks

Vaij reported that residents wrote to SCAN and expressed some concerns re public safety. SCAN to follow-up. Members will keep watch if SLHC's involvement is required.

7.3 CE LHIN

Vaij mentioned that the CE LHIN IHSP plan to achieve 2 aims

- Save 1,000,000 Hours of Patients Time Spend in Central East LHIN Emergency Departments by 2013
- Reduce the Impact of Cardiovascular Disease in the Central East LHIN by 10% by 2013

Action: (s) Ed will report back from the May LHIN symposium

7.4 Guest /Observer/Feedback/Response to Questions

Vaij responded to Bola's question on the Mandate of the Scarborough Local Health Committee.

Bola (Guest) shared with Members the difficulty she experienced trying to find a family Doctor for her family and expressed concern for others who may be experiencing the same difficulty.

The Rouge Valley Hospital's Website Finding a family Doctor and the Ministry of Health Website 'Health Care Connect' were some of the sites identified.

Discussion followed.

Action: (s) Vaij to provide information on the CE LHIN Unattached Patient clinic

Ed will send the link to a list of Family Health Teams

8.0 Next Meeting

Date: May 31st, 2010 – Committee Room #2

Time: 6:00 p.m.