

North York Local Health Committee

**Wednesday June 23rd, 2010
NYCC, Cmte. Rm. 4, lower level
5100 Yonge Street
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Sandra Romano Anthony, Bill Coleman, Marvin Gold, Michelle Grader, Janet Maher, Lidia Monaco, Earle Straus, Anna Walsh, Valerie Sterling (Chair), Sue Makin, Eleanor Ziv (recorder)

Regrets: Sara Farrell, Anne McConnell, Jane McDonald

Absent: Margaret Cheung

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by Earle Straus and seconded by Janet Maher

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of May 2010

7.4 Correction to action item

Earle to send up date information – not ‘up to date’ information

Minutes as corrected, were approved by Janet Maher and seconded by Bill Coleman

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes:

4.1 Full-Day Learning Update and Letter

Valerie read the response received from Premier McGuinty to our letter.

The reply letter was cc'd to the Hon. Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education.

Valerie circulated the list of full day learning sites for 2011.

The letter will be sent to the BOH.

ACTION: Valerie will table this response letter at the BOH meeting on June the 28th.

4.2 Electro Magnet Fields along the Finch Corridor

Earle has made contact with Ron Macfarlane through Sue Makin and will set up a time to meet. Looking into prudent avoidance of use in Electro Magnet Fields (EMF) areas especially in regards to young children and playing fields in these areas.

ACTION: This item will stay on the agenda and Earle will report back with any additional information as available.

4.3 Joint Local Health Committee Meeting on Food Strategy

Valerie discussed the information she received from the West LHC regarding a joint venture related to the Food Strategy. At this time, it appears that their interest is more related to

issues of food access than the actual Food Strategy. Members expressed concern regarding committing to a partnership that may not fit with their current priorities. Committee voted in favour “not to pursue”. The members prefer to concentrate on Poverty for our meetings in September and October.

4.4 2010 Strategic Plan

There was extensive consultation previously with the North York Local Health Committee in relation to previous presentation by Cathy Clarke. The final document of the TPH Strategic Plan is on the agenda for the BOH meeting on Monday June 28.

Suggested adding to Priority Direction #1:

- Enhance the knowledge and health literacy of all the residents of Toronto
- Enhance the capacity and resiliency of individuals, families and communities to manage their own health

Suggested amendment for Priority Direction #2

- Change the word “sustain” in last point to “enhance”.

Suggested adding to Priority Direction #5

- Build a work force that is reflective of Toronto’s diversity.

ACTION: Valerie will present suggested revisions at June 28th Board of Health

5.0 Board of Health Update

- **Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan 2010-2014** for approval
- **Mixed Waste Processing Study Health Impact Assessment** – This study was initiated to evaluate the options for managing Toronto’s mixed waste in order to help achieve the City’s Target 70 waste diversion objectives.
- **Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program (ChemTRAC) Update** - This report provides an update on the Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program. This program now called ChemTRAC, is designed to protect public health and stimulate the greening of local facilities by tracking and reducing toxic chemicals found in Toronto’s environment.
- **Environmental Assessment Requirements for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport** – This report provides information on the environmental assessment requirements applicable to the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.
- **2010 AIDS Prevention Program** – Recommendations of the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel. This report includes a list of organizations that are recommended to receive funds.
- **2010 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Allocations** – This report outlines the funding applications and allocations.
- **Update on Tracking Deaths in the Homeless Population** – This report is an update on mortality trends in the homeless population in the City of Toronto. Recent years of data indicate a downward trend in number of deaths.
- **Operational Budget Variance Report**
- **NYLHC Approved Minutes** of May 26 on the Agenda.
- **Update on Proposed Changes to the Special Diet Allowance** – This report addresses the cancellation of the Special Diet Allowance as a supplement to the basic social assistance allowance and its replacement with a nutritional supplement program.
- **Expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment Dental Program – 2010 Funding** – the Province now provides 75% funding. This report recommends that for 2010 the City provides the 25% required funding to access the Provincial funds.

- **2010 Update on Public Health Programs funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services** – The Ministry has advised TPH that 2010 funding levels for each of the programs (HBHC, PSL, Infant Hearing, Blind Low Vision) have been frozen at the 2009 funding level and describes resulting service implications.

7.0 Other Business

- 7.1** Discussion on how to shape the agenda on **Poverty** for our September meeting.
- Update from 25-5 - Invite them to come to speak to the Committee.

ACTION: Sara to outreach and invite. Sue to follow up with Sara about this.

- 8.0 Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 8th, 2010 - Cancelled.
Date has been changed to **Tuesday Sept 7th, 6 – 8 p.m.**
Agenda Item: Poverty Reduction

ACTION: Eleanor to reserve a meeting room.

- 9.0 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7.30 p.m.