

North York Local Health Committee Meeting
January 23, 2007, 6.00 – 8 p.m.
2nd fl. Public Health Conference Room

Approved Minutes

Present: Jane MacDonald, Syed M. Kafil Akhtar, Bev McClelland, Wanda McNevin,

TPH Staff: Sue Makin (Director), Sara Farrell, Eleanor Ziv (Minutes)

Regrets: Valerie Sterling, Velumylum Thanga, Lidia Monaco, Elizabeth Yohannan,
Eva Tavaries

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- 3.5 Update on BOH
- 3.6 Programming

2. Review of Previous Minutes – November 14, 2006

4.1 Seniors

Bev inquired if the LHC had been in contact with Rosemary Bell, the Community Development Office from the City of Toronto regarding the Seniors Motion. Sara has spoken with Rosemary and are just waiting for the LHC to set a date for her to come.

Minutes of November 14, 2006 were approved with addition.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of November 14:

3.1 LHINs letter

- Sue was to have written a letter to LHINs regarding the gap in services.

ACTION: Sue will draft up the letter and email out to members next week.

- According to the LHINs newsletter the transition with community centres was seamless. Jane expressed concern regarding distribution of funds as they seem to be directed more toward case management than for local services.

ACTION: Sara will find out the impact of LHINs funding to the North York CCAC on direct service to those seniors in the community.

3.2 Conference Feedback: Eva

- Deferred to next meeting

3.3 Humber River Regional Hospital: Wanda

Wanda gave update on hospital issue.

- No response to the letter sent out by Valerie in December has been received.
- Humber River Health Coalition will be the new name of the community group.

- A number of presentations were held over the last couple of months. There still is the same concern that the community is being excluded from the bureaucratic process.
- A committee was formed and is planning a forum on January 29th at the Northwood Community Centre in the afternoon. Discussion will be on health issues involving public health and community health centres. Letters were sent out and 20 people have responded so far. It was recommended that public health be at the forum and it was suggested that Elaine Ebach, CHO in the west part of the north region, be our representative. Sara to follow up with Elaine to ensure that TPH is represented at this meeting.

3.4 After Recreational Care (Parks, Forestry and Rec. after school programs): Lidia

- Sara gave update.
- Looking at 10 new sites and extending boundaries in priority neighbourhoods.

3.5 BOH Update

Sue gave update

- There is a new council members meeting this Monday, January 29th. BOH is in a transition mode at the moment. The six councillors and six new citizen members will be in place by the April meeting. Councilors on the board are: John Filion, Paula Fletcher, Janet Davis and Gord Perks.
- The main item on the Agenda is the report from Public Health in response to the Campbell Commission on SARS. The BOH report is more condensed than the original report which is lengthy.
- Budget items were on the agenda. No changes in programming for Public Health because the budget for 2007 has still not been approved.

3.6 Programming

- The Mandatory Guidelines for Public Health are in process of being reviewed and revised. Ready for consultation by month end.

ACTION: Add Review of Mandatory Guidelines to the agenda for February LHC Meeting for discussion and review.

4. Local Health Committee Evaluations: Sara

- Mandate is twofold. To raise the awareness on health and welfare in the communities and to advise the Board of Health on local health issues. LHC wanted to know how many motions had been made by the north and by other LHCs and what has resulted from the LHCs giving this advice to the Board.

ACTION: Sara will speak to Cathy Turl regarding how many Motions made to the Board of Health by the Local Health Committee have actually reached fruition.

- Vulnerable populations (i.e., increased rate and depth of poverty, high mobility, etc.) and lack of services in the north are the two main issues that keep arising. Jane suggested we concentrate on them as a direction for this next year. All at the table agreed that the lack of services in the north is and has been an ongoing issue that we would like to address.

- Suggestion was made that it would be helpful to have information regarding funding and City grants per region. Smaller non-profit organizations often don't have the capacity or infrastructure of larger agencies which makes it difficult to focus on resource development.

ACTION: Sara will check into City grants and United Way grants to see if there is information on how much is going to the north region and if the geographic distribution of grants is a consideration in the grant determination process.

5. Next Steps for our LHC, Recruitment of New Members

- Evaluation report on Local Health Committees will be submitted to the Board of Health in April. Local Health Committee member selection will be in June and an orientation of new members in September.
- Current members can indicate to stay on committee. Question arose if existing members need to reapply to remain on the committee. New Board Members are selected first and then LHC members. Sara will recruit potential new members and has to inform people in the community about the purpose of the LHC and the process of applying.
- Bev recommended we invite Council members from the North Region Community Council and discuss our issues with them. LHC and the Community Council could benefit from working together.

MOTION: - made by Bev McClelland.

To invite the chair of the Community Council to attend the April LHC to establish a relationship /communication link with them and discuss possible collaborations, etc.

Contacts at the Community Council are:

Maria Augimeri (Chair)
Anthony Perruzza (Vice Chair)

Members:

Shelley Carroll	Howard Moscoe
Mike Feldman	John Parker
John Fillion	David Shiner
Cliff Jenkins	Karen Stintz
Denzil Minnan-Wong	

6. Priority Issue and Action Plan for NYLHC to work on for 2007

Main areas are:

- vulnerable populations, poverty
- lack of services and resources in the north: to answer the question; "Is the north getting its fair share of funding and grants?"

7. Meeting Schedule for Next Year

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2007
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Time: 6 pm – 8.30
Location: 2nd floor Conference Room, Public Health, 5100 Yonge St.

Other Business

7.1 Bev McClelland now has an email address! bevmcc@rogers.com

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.