

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 20, 2007

1:30 pm – BOARDROOM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

C. Bryson, Chair
S. Harasen
M. Harding
S. Hunt
L. Kloosterhuis
J. MacEachern
N. MacOdrum
B. Metzler
I. Sullivan
L. Tolmonen
J. Virdiramo

Regrets:

N. Gale
A. Savela

Administration Present:

Dr. N. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health / CEO
D. Heath, Business Administrative Officer
K. Allan, Director, Health Protection and Clinical Services
J. Black, A/Director, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention

Recorder: B. McClain

Meeting Called to Order – 1:30 pm

1. Attendance and Announcements

- Regrets were received from N. Gale and A. Savela.
- The Chair commented on the launch of the volunteer recruitment video by the NW Region Area Youth Coalition on March 7, 2007.
- The Chair noted two conferences: OHA Region 1 Conference – “A Culture of Safety in Health Care”, April 11 – 13, in Thunder Bay, and the OHA “Conference for Board Finance Committee Members”, April 26 in Toronto. Board Members were invited to contact the Executive Assistant if they are interested in attending either conference.
- A thank you note from Dr. D. Williams was read.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by: J. MacEachern

Seconded by: S. Harasen

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting of March 20, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

1. Janine Black introduced Simon Hoad, Area Coordinator – Northwest T-CAN, and Jennifer McFarlane, Youth Development Specialist who presented on “Northwestern Tobacco Control Area Network (T-CAN)”.
2. Ken Allan introduced Eija Leinonen, Public Health Nurse/Lactation Consultant, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Programs, who presented on “Promote Healthy Pregnancy and Early Child Development Initiative Project Evaluation.”

5. Minutes

- 5.1 Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting of February 20, 2007

Moved by: J. MacEachern

Seconded by: S. Harasen

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting of February 20, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

- 5.2 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 1, 2007

The unapproved Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 1, 2007 were presented for information only.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7. Standing Reports

- 7.1 Divisional Reports

- 7.1.1 Health Protection and Clinical Services

The Director presented the monthly Divisional Report, focusing on the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program. Inquiries of the Board were addressed.

- 7.1.2 Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

The Director presented the monthly Divisional report, noting the Northwest Tobacco Control Area Network (T-CAN), and with a

focus on the Healthy Living programs. Board Members' inquiries were addressed.

7.1.3 Business Administrative Officer Report

The Business Administrative Officer presented the monthly report, advising that the 2006 Audited Financial Statements will be presented at the April Meeting. Inquiries of the Board were addressed.

7.2 Medical Officer of Health Report

The Medical Officer of Health presented the March report. It was noted that the results of the electronic survey on the Draft Public Health Standards will be forwarded to the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health by April 30 with subsequent submission to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care by June. Member's questions were addressed.

Moved by: M. Harding

Seconded by: L. Kloosterhuis

THAT the Board of Health accept the Report of the Medical Officer of Health as presented in Report No. 14-07.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Support of the Trans Fat Task Force Recommendations

The Director of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention presented the report and resolution to request Board of Health support. Inquiries were addressed.

Moved by: M. Harding

Seconded by: L. Kloosterhuis

WHEREAS *the total consumption of trans fat in Canadians is estimated to be 3 – 10 grams, while the recommended limit is 2 grams;*

AND WHEREAS *significant research evidence indicates the link between trans fat and coronary heart disease and, to some extent, diabetes and obesity;*

AND WHEREAS *the leading cause of death in Northern Ontario is heart disease; and Thunder Bay District Health Unit has higher than provincial average rates of diabetes and obesity;*

AND WHEREAS *the Trans Fat Task Force provided recommendations to the federal Minister of Health on how to reduce trans fat intake in the Canadian diet;*

AND WHEREAS these recommendations include comprehensive proposed regulatory limits, research, development and industry incentives, consumer protection, awareness and public education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thunder Bay District Board of Health endorse the Trans Fat Task Force Report: TRANSforming the Food Supply. June 2006;

AND FURTHER THAT the Thunder Bay District Board of Health urge the federal Minister of Health to move forward from the regulated labeling of trans fat on prepackaged foods and to act on the recommendations from the “Trans Fat Task Force Report: TRANSforming the Food Supply”, June 2006;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to the federal Ministers of Health, and Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Chief Public Health Officer, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Local Members of Parliament, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the provincial Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, and Agriculture, the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health. the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), Ontario Boards of Health, and member municipalities for their support and action.

CARRIED

8.2 In-camera Session

THAT the Board of Health move to In-camera discussion regarding a Personnel matter.

The Medical Officer of Health provided an overview and responded to questions. It was the consensus of the Board of Health that Administration proceed as discussed.

THAT the Board of Health move out of In-camera discussion to resume regular business.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

11. Date of Next Meeting: April 17, 2007

Chair, Board of Health

Medical Officer of Health/CEO

Recording Secretary