

Executive Director Report AGM June 16 2010

- Our annual report speaks to the many accomplishments of our Centre over the past year. I would like to highlight just a few.
- SWCHC is a leader-full organization. There are many examples:
- We welcomed **Yet Keen** into the SWCHC family. We are very proud to be supporting Chinese Seniors. Big thanks are in order to the Administrator of the program, Anna Yip, for her leadership in guiding Yet Keen through a period of transition
- We are very excited to be welcoming the **Queensway preschool program into SWCHC**. 3 staff, 32 half day spaces for preschoolers and a budget of \$265,000 will be coming our way. Big thanks are necessary to Cori Thompson Smith for guiding this transition
- The last year will always be remembered as the year of **H1N1**. We stepped up did what we had to do with our CHC partners and helped out at a very challenging time. Big thanks are in order to Merry Cardinal for her leadership.
- I **realigned our administration services** over the past year when I decided not to fill the Corporate Services Director position vacated by Charles Cloutier. I created the Executive Services Team whom I work very closely with. We meet every Monday morning. I want to recognize their leadership and hard work at this AGM: Karen Larsen, Rosemary Jones, Jeremy Irving, Dan Benjamin, Marjorie McOuat, Eugene Williams and Jennifer Simpson

Please give a big round of applause to the Executive Services Team

- I want to thank the **Senior Leadership Team** members Dona Bowers and Anne Christie-Teeter. I also want to thank former

SLT members Charles Cloutier and Suzanne O'Byrne for their service to SWCHC

- I want to thank all **front line workers at SWCHC**, you do amazing work
- I want to thank all members of the **Board** for countless volunteer hours. In particular I want to recognize the work of Board Chair Nancy Douglas whom I got to dance with last week in Niagara Falls
- There are **challenges that lie ahead**: an organizational review; increased accountability from all of our funders; we are on the cusp of being fully electronic health record compliant; the impact of the early learning program on our headstart nursesey school programs and the list goes on
- In conclusion, when I look back over the last year I am reminded of April 30 when we celebrated **Community Health Day**. A part of that celebration involved a young man Jonathan Horowitz, sharing publically his very personal story of beating an addiction. Tragically Jonathan died 3 days later. I will never forget what he had to say. He talked about being grateful for being a part of Somerset West. I won't forget shaking his hand and thanking him for having the courage to share his story with us. Jonathan got a well deserved thunderous applause. We will miss his leadership
 - To close putting this meeting together is not without considerable hard work. A special thanks to Karen Larsen for managing all the details of this AGM.