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Toronto, ON – Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities' (SCHC) Diabetes Education Program was granted recognition by the Canadian Diabetes Association's Standards Recognition Review Committee for successfully meeting the Standards for Diabetes Education in Canada (2015). As a quality assurance initiative, SCHC undertook a year-long evaluation of the Diabetes Program based on Outcome, Process and Structure and received formal recognition in June, 2016. Only a handful organizations are granted recognition each year, with St. Michael's Hospital and Mount Sinai being between the few. SCHC's CEO Jeanie Joaquin stated, "We are proud to have this achievement as this continuous improvement framework places the client at the heart of everything we do while it empowers employees to work more effectively together towards this common goal".

The Review Committee highlighted the following achievements of the Diabetes Program:

- Well integrated community partnership which have been evaluated for their effectiveness
- Responsiveness to the needs of the client population served with a holistic, health and wellness approach
- Multiple quality initiative projects that are well designed and have provided a wealth of information
- Implementation of findings to improve delivery of services
- Co-ordinated, collaborative inter-professional team work.

Judit Langhammer, SCHC's Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Manager commented, "This recognition represents a significant step that the SCHC Diabetes Program is taking to advance the organization's quality improvement strategy towards accreditation and to provide services that are client-centred".

About Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities

Situated in one of the most diverse community in Canada, Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities founded in 1977, is a multi-service community organization, addressing the holistic health needs of Scarborough including physical, mental, social and financial. SCHC provides a diverse range of services to people with social and economic complexities and breaks down barriers to accessing healthcare by operating across 11 locations in Scarborough. For more information please visit www.schcontario.ca.

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