

# **TORONTO** STAFF REPORT

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To: Board of Health

From: Dr. Sheela V. Basrur, Medical Officer of Health

Subject: Toronto Public Health's Response to the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) Draft 2002 Accreditation Principles, Standards, Components and Definition

Purpose:

To inform the Board of Health about Toronto Public Health's response to the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) Draft 2002 Accreditation Principles, Standards, Components and Definitions.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications arising from this report. However, preparation for accreditation will have financial implications that will be brought forward in a future budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a copy of this report be sent to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) for their information; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Board of Health received a report on public health accreditation in October 2001 indicating a commitment to move to a position of meeting OCCHA standards within five years.

Comments:

In November 2002, the Medical Officer of Health received a request from OCCHA requesting health unit input (including “appropriate board members”) on the Draft 2002 Accreditation Principles, Standards, Components and Definitions. OCCHA granted TPH an extension on its deadline to allow for consultation with TPH senior staff and Board members.

TPH is in full support of the principle of accreditation and applauds the role of OCHHA in providing leadership in this area. TPH is particularly supportive of the strategic direction of inclusion of public health business into accreditation standards.

The attached letter (Appendix 1) and report (Appendix 2) indicates TPH’s suggestions for changes to the Draft 2002 Accreditation Principles, Standards, Components and Definitions. The report outlines the standards and principles and TPH’s response is embedded within.

Conclusions:

TPH recognises that these additional standards once revised and approved will enhance and improve the preparation process for accreditation. This will have resource implications, which will be reported at a future time.

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List of Attachments:

1. Letter to OCCHA from Dr. Sheela V. Basrur
2. OCCHA’s Draft 2002 Accreditation Principles, Standards, Components and Definitions with comments from Toronto Public Health