

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Board of Health

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

Subject: Appointment of 2001 Public Health Grants Review Panels

Purpose:

To recommend that the Board of Health appoint the individuals put forward by the Medical Officer of Health, to the Public Health Grants Review Panels for AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention.

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health appoint to the AIDS Prevention Panel the following individuals: Councillors Rae, Prue and Augimeri; Lee Zaslofsky; Indra Ramkissoon; Trevor Gray; LaVerne Monette; Andy Visser-deVries; Huldah Richards; Germaine Chazou; and Faudia Azeez; and,
- (2) the Board of Health appoint to the Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel the following individuals: Councillors Bussin, Korwin-Kuczynski; Kathy Kozma; Stephen Meredith; Eduardo Castro; Khadigia Ali; Betty Miller; and Brad Melnychuk.

Background:

Public Health has used Grants Review Panels over the past ten years to bring citizen expertise and participation to the allocation of grants for AIDS and Drug Prevention. The Review Panels work with staff to review each application and make recommendations to the Board of Health. The Review Panels will continue to be important in 2001, as the AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention grants programs accept applications from the whole City for the third year.

The Review Panels include City Council members, Board of Health members, informed citizens, and, in the case of AIDS Prevention, people living with HIV and AIDS. In addition to this, the Medical Officer of Health has endeavoured to ensure representation from across the City.

Comments:

In recruiting potential members for the Review Panels, a flyer was distributed to organizations and agencies across the City. Staff also consulted with Councillors and others to ensure representation from equity seeking groups, as well as representation from diverse neighbourhoods around the City. The names brought forward represent the result of that outreach and consultation, balanced by a need to maintain continuity on the Review Panels. Collectively, the AIDS and Drug Abuse Panels represent the diversity of the City, in addition to the specialized expertise required for effective service.

Conclusions:

The appointment of the individuals named herein achieves a mix of Councillor and community representation for the 2001 Public Health Grants Review Panels. The Board of Health is unique among Municipal Grants Programs in using citizens in the review of applications, carrying on the long-standing health promotion tradition of citizen participation.

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