

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Board of Health

From: Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health

Subject: Board of Health Member Attendance at 2006 Meetings of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

Purpose:

To request Board of Health approval to pay expenses for the participation of Board of Health members at Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) meetings in 2006.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Funding is included in the base budget of the 2006 Proposed Toronto Public Health Operating Budget for the purpose of Board of Health members to attend alPHA conferences and meetings.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the participation of Valerie Ann Sterling or alternate at all alPHA board meetings, alPHA Board of Health Section meetings and alPHA conferences in 2006 and pay all expenses associated with this participation as per City Policy; and
- (2) the Board of Health encourage the participation of its members at alPHA Board of Health Section meetings and conferences in 2006 and pay all expenses associated with this participation as per City Policy; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Toronto Board of Health is a member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA). The Board of alPHA has an identified position for a representative from the Toronto

Board of Health. At its October 18, 2004 meeting, the Board of Health appointed Valerie Sterling to represent Toronto on the alPHa Board. All members of the Toronto Board of Health are members of alPHa's Board of Health Section. The Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health with Toronto Public Health (TPH) are members of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), the other section of alPHa. AlPHa holds regular meetings of its Board of Health and COMOH sections, its full membership (including affiliate organizations) and its regular board of directors.

Comments:

The Toronto Board of Health member of the alPHa Board participates in board meetings, Section meetings and conferences. Members of the Toronto Board of Health are welcome to attend alPHa Board of Health Section meetings and conferences. The majority of these meetings are held in Toronto. The Board of Health approves any expenses associated with attendance. To facilitate full participation throughout the year it is recommended that the Board approve the attendance of Valerie Sterling or designate for the full year and encourage all Board of Health members to attend alPHa conferences and Boards of Health Section meetings.

Conclusion:

The Board of Health is an active member of alPHa. Approval of this report will facilitate participation at all alPHa events.

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Appendix 1 – 2006 Operating Budget Service Recommendations to meet Budget Advisory Committee Target