

July 9, 2007

To: Budget Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Toronto's Blind-Low Vision Early Implementation Plan

**Board Recommendation:**

**The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee and City Council that:**

- 1. the Toronto Public Health's 2007 Approved Operating Budget be increased by \$242,720 gross and \$0 net to reflect funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program.**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Board of Health:

1. endorsed the Toronto Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention plan and supported its implementation;
2. authorized the Medical Officer of Health to award, amend and execute purchase of service contracts with Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Ontario Foundation for the Visually Impaired Children (OFVIC) to provide early intervention services and child care consultation for children with low vision or blind and their families; and
3. requested the Budget Committee to consider this matter at its meeting on July 10, 2007, and to report directly to City Council confirming the requested increase to the Toronto Public Health 2007 Approved Operating Budget in the amount of \$242,720 gross and \$0 net to reflect funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program.

**Background:**

The Board of Health on July 9, 2007, considered a report (July 9, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, with respect to Toronto's Blind-Low Vision Early Implementation Plan.

Recommendations:

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Toronto Public Health's 2007 Approved Operating Budget be increased by \$242,720 gross and \$0 net to reflect funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program;
2. the Board of Health endorse the Toronto Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention plan and support its implementation;
3. the Board of Health authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award, amend and execute purchase of service contracts with Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Ontario Foundation for the Visually Impaired Children (OFVIC) to provide early intervention services and child care consultation for children with low vision or blind and their families; and
4. this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Secretary,  
Board of Health

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Item HL6.14  
Attachment

c. Medical Officer of Health