



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2007

Date:	March 22, 2007
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the purchase of service contracts awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2007, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. this report be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been recommended by the Board of Health in the 2007 Operating Base Budget. Appendix A attached summarizes the service contracts by program for 2007.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meetings of August 1 to 4, 2000, July 24 to 26, 2001 and June 18 to 20, 2002, City Council delegated its authority to the Medical Officer of Health to award, execute and amend on an ongoing annual basis the purchase of service contracts for the Pre-School

Speech and Language program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Sexual Health and AIDS prevention programs, the Child Nutrition program, the Infant Hearing program and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative, within the Toronto Public Health approved budget. The Medical Officer of Health is required to submit an annual report to the Executive Committee on the purchase of service contracts that have been awarded under the delegation of authority.

COMMENTS

Toronto Public Health currently has service contracts with partner agencies that support service delivery in the community for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Infant Hearing Program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative and the Sexual Health program.

Preschool Speech and Language Program:

The 100% provincially-funded Preschool Speech and Language program provides services to children up to the time of school entry. Services are delivered by community agencies that have expertise in speech and language service delivery to young children. Through a community planning process facilitated by the Toronto District Health Council, a lead service provider was identified for each quadrant. A number of city-wide agencies have also been identified to deliver specialized services to special needs children. A contract with Bloorview Kids Rehab has been established to meet the unique needs of children in their specialized nursery school settings. Service contracts have been established with each of these agencies. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, these contracts for Preschool Speech and Language are awarded for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The Service contracts as specified in Appendix B are based on projected service delivery targets and additional funding received from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the 2007/8 fiscal year.

Infant Hearing Program:

The 100% provincially funded Infant Hearing Program which began in 2002 is based on a province-wide service delivery model that includes universal screening of newborns at hospital discharge and at community clinics, screening of high risk infants in neonatal intensive care units, diagnostic assessment at community sites, and communication training and support through community agencies that serve deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. Service contracts have been established with all hospitals that have a postpartum unit and/or neonatal intensive care unit. Service contracts for six community-based diagnostic assessment clinics have been established with agencies that were designated by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. A proposal to add a seventh site for audiology in 2007/08 is pending approval. All contracts are on a fee for service basis using a fee structure established by the Ministry. Contract projections specified in Appendix C are based on 2005/06 birth rates. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1/07 - March 31/08.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program:

The Healthy Babies Healthy Children is a 100% provincially funded program that provides a mixed model of service delivery to high risk families that includes both Public Health Nurses and Family Home Visitors. In areas of the City where peer home visiting services already exist, service contracts with these agencies expand this service and avoid duplication. Service contracts are awarded and executed with each of these agencies. (See Appendix D).

Sexual Health Program:

In April 2000, the Board of Health approved the Sexual Health Clinic review, including the continuation of a mixed model of sexual health clinical services. This model currently includes five public health clinics, three partnership clinics and three clinics with which the City of Toronto has negotiated purchase of service agreements.

Purchase of Service arrangements have been in place with Hassle Free Clinic, the Birth Control and VD Information Centre, and the Immigrant Women's Centre for more than twenty years. The Toronto Public Health review process found that these clinics deliver services which address the needs of specific client populations and can identify and respond quickly to gaps in service or emerging sexual health needs. Contract amounts with clinics for 2007 are identified in Appendix E.

The Sexual Health Promotion Program also has purchase of service agreements with three community agencies (see Appendix E). These agencies deliver sexual health promotion services reaching specific high risk and hard to reach populations. It should be noted that the services of the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada are 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative:

The Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative is a component of the City's Heart Health Program. This program is funded 100% by the Ministry of Health Promotion and involves contracting with community agencies that serve children, youth, women and diverse/marginalized groups, and community agencies that deliver services aimed at reducing or preventing the risk factors for heart disease. The selection of contracted agencies for the Toronto Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative, as named in Appendix F, is based on project criteria outlined in the Ministry of Health Promotion – Ontario Heart Health Program (Taking Action for Healthy Living) guidelines and objectives. As the administrative lead for the Toronto Heart Health Partnership, it is necessary for the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute these purchase of service agreements. Specific amounts of these contracts are based on the terms and conditions outlined in the funding agreement established with the Province.

In addition to these lead agencies, a number of smaller contracts not to exceed \$2,500 each will be awarded to agencies throughout the year based on Ministry of Health

Promotion criteria. The names and amounts of these contracts are included in Appendix F.

Conclusion:

Service delivery through service agreement contracts with community agencies is essential to the provision of effective and efficient public health services. They build on existing service infrastructure in the community, facilitate community partnerships, support continuity of service to clients, and maximize service efficiencies.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Toronto Public Health 2007 Service Contracts
Appendix B: Preschool Speech & Language Service Contracts
Appendix C: Infant Hearing Program Service Contracts
Appendix D: Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Contracts
Appendix E: Sexual Health Clinics/ Sexual Health Promotion Service Contracts
Appendix F: Community Heart Health Partnership Service Contracts

Appendix A

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH – 2007 SERVICE CONTRACTS		
PROGRAM	FUNDED BY:	AMOUNT (\$)
Preschool Speech and Language Program	100% Province	6,351,559
Infant Hearing Program	100% Province	783,355
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program	100% Province	2,604,992
Sexual Health Clinics	75% Province 25% City	1,866,116
Sexual Health Promotion	75% Province 25% City	389,108
SIECCAN	100% Province	50,000
Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative	100% Province	361,988
TOTAL		12,407,118

Appendix B

Preschool Speech and Language Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)	
	2006/07	2007/08
North York General Hospital	1,284,083	1,442,287
Hanen Centre	1,474,151	1,648,655
George Hull Centre	1,111,733	1,248,844
Rouge Valley Health System	1,229,966	1,385,773
Geneva Centre	324,720	344,000
Toronto Children's Centre	145,830	154,000
Surrey Place Centre	141,596	162,000
Bloorview Kids Rehab	113,548	146,000
Total	5,825,627	6,531,559

Appendix C

Infant Hearing Program Service Contracts

2007/08 Screening Contracts		
Hospital	Postpartum Screening *	High Risk Screening NICU/SCN**
Hospital for Sick Children	N/A	\$3,000
Humber River Regional – Church	21,000	3,000
Humber River Regional – Finch	29,000	5,000
Mount Sinai***	0	8,000
North York General	55,000	8,000
Rouge Valley	19,500	3,500
St. Michael's***	0	0
St. Joseph's	30,800	3,000
Scarborough General	25,000	3,200
Scarborough Grace	17,200	2,700
Sunnybrook	31,000	5,000
Toronto East General	30,000	5,000
William Osler	27,000	3,000
<p>* Postpartum screening projections based on \$10/ Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emission (DPOAE) test and 10% of all well babies needing an Automated Auditory Brainstem Response (AABR) & \$20/ AABR test. ** High Risk Babies are screened using AABR (NICU/SCN) screening projections based on \$20 per test. *** Mt. Sinai and St. Michael's Hospitals have elected for Toronto Public Health staff to administer the screening test to their postpartum populations. A service contract is required for the NICU at Mt. Sinai.</p>		

2007/08 Audiology Services	
Agency	Projected Amount (\$)
Hospital for Sick Children	61,000
Humber River Regional Hospital – Church site	61,000
Mount Sinai Hospital	61,000
North York General Hospital	31,455
Rouge Valley Health System	61,000
Surrey Place	10,000
New Site	10,000

2007/08 Communication Supports and Services	
Hospital for Sick Children	10,000
Voice for Hearing Impaired Children	40,000
Learning To Listen Foundation	60,000
ASL Consultants	15,000
Clara Kluge	10,000
Canadian Hearing Society	5,000
Other	10,000
Total 2007/08 Infant Hearing Service Contracts	783,355

Appendix D

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount \$	
	2006	2007
Adventure Place	400,869	412,895
Macaulay Child Development Centre	325,653	335,423
Aisling Discoveries Child & Family Centre	926,668	954,468
Hincks-Dellcrest, Building Brighter Futures Program	826,989	826,989
Hincks-Dellcrest, Growing Together Program	75,217	75,217
Total	2,555,396	2,604,992

Appendix E

Sexual Health Clinic Service Contracts

Agency	2006 Contracts (\$)	2007 Contracts (\$)
Hassle Free Clinic	780,493	803,908
Birth Control & VD Information Centre	407,246	419,463
Immigrant Women's Health Centre	624,024	642,745
Total	1,811,763	1,866,116

Sexual Health Promotion Contracts

Service Agency	2006 Contracts (\$)	2007 Contracts (\$)
Planned Parenthood of Toronto	117,708	117,708
AIDS Committee of Toronto	271,400	271,400
SIECCAN	50,000	50,000
Total	439,108	439,108

Appendix F

Community Heart Health Partnership Contracts

Agency	2007 Proposed Contract Amount (\$)
North York Community House: Newcomer Women Taking Action for Healthy Living	\$11,000
For Youth Initiative: Move Somethin'	\$18,500
Toronto Public Health: Eat Smart! School Cafeteria Program	\$5,000
Toronto Public Health: Girls Unlimited: a CDP Approach	\$20,000
Toronto District School Board : Go Outside the Box	\$5,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board: Health Action Teams	\$56,000
Toronto District School Board: Toronto Schools on the Move	\$84,000
Applegrove Community Complex: Adventures in Food & Fun	\$5,453
Toronto Public Health: HH in the South Asian Community	\$6,950
The Black Secretariat: African Caribbean Diabetes Prevention & Heart Health Education Program	\$16,000
St Stephen's House: Amazing Race for your Heart	\$12,500
Canadian Diabetes Association: Healthy Living School Program	\$1,200
Scadding Court CC: Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)	\$16,000
Working Women CC: Healthy Alternatives	\$5,000
Community Bicycle Network: Bikeshare Mobility Jump Start	\$5,000
Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition: HH for Children & Families in Etobicoke	\$16,000
Albion Neighbourhood Services: Youth Heart Smarts	\$11,700
Better Beginnings Now-CAP C: Early Start to Living Smart	\$5,000
Senior Citizens Society of Toronto: Healthy Life, Healthy Community	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Contracts with value of < \$2,500 each	
Rawlinson Community School: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind	\$2,500
North York Harvest Food Bank: Making Connections	\$2,500
Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario: Teaching Healthy & Affordable Living to At-Risk Students	\$2,000

Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division: Healthy Kids Shadow & Puppetry Project	\$1,750
Adventure Place: Villawayz Art Studio for Children & Youth- Shop, Cook and Share	\$2,500
Toronto Foundation for Student Success: Winchester School Community Garden	\$2,500
Toronto Public Health: Healthy Living Youth Leadership	\$1,235
For Youth Initiative: Eating for a Better tomorrow	\$2,500
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre: Scarborough Multicultural Heart Health Project	\$2,500
Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre: Nook Looks Healthy	\$2,200
Flemingdon Park Parent Association: Cricket for Health & Diversity for Children	\$2,500
FCJ Refugee Centre: Heart Health Community kitchen for African & Latin Women	\$2,000
Central Toronto Community Health Centres: Aboriginal Diabetes Program	\$2,500
Flemingdon Park Ministry: Food Bank with a Heart Campaign	\$2,500
Agincourt Community Services Assoc.: Peers Empowering Youth Eat Healthy	\$2,500
Youthlink: Empowering Active Girls	\$2,500
Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario: Heart Healthy Kids	\$2,500
Community Action Resource Centre: Choices for Health	\$2,500
Jane/Finch Community & Family Centre: 35 Shoreham Exercise Club	\$2,500
It's in Me Education & Training Programs: Camps United 2006-07 Swim Training Program	\$2,500
Victoria Park Cricket Club: Victoria Park Heart Health Program	\$2,500
Gateway Public School: Healthy Living Community Project	\$2,500
Total	\$361,988