
Board of Health

Meeting No. 8
Meeting Date Monday, October 15, 2007
Start Time 1:00 PM
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

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Speakers/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.**Communications/Reports**

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Sexual Health in Toronto 2007**(Staff Presentation)**

(September 28, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides current epidemiological data on sexually transmitted infection rates (STIs), and sexual behaviour in Toronto and a program update on Toronto Public Health (TPH) sexual health programs and services subsequent to the 2004 Board of Health report Strategies to Address the Increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections in Toronto.

In Toronto, STIs accounted for 66% of all reported diseases. Identification, treatment, follow-up and prevention of STIs is a substantial component of the work of TPH. Current data show an increase in reports of chlamydia, gonorrhoea, HIV and late latent syphilis. In part, this increase can be attributed to more sensitive tests and an increase in testing. Despite high STI rates, Toronto has the second lowest chlamydia and gonorrhoea rates and the lowest infectious syphilis rates when compared to Canada's other large urban areas.

Research shows that age at first intercourse has not changed in recent years. However, there is a slight increase in the number of people reporting multiple sexual partners. Condoms and birth control pills are the two most common forms of contraception for people under 25 years of age. The rate of consistent condom use among youth remains around 40%. Teen pregnancies and abortion rates have been decreasing steadily for many years.

TPH's Sexual Health Programs include sexual health clinics, STI case management, sexual health promotion, The Works Needle Exchange, The AIDS and Sexual Health Info Line, condom distribution, AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program and purchase of service agreements. While the Sexual Health Programs have received enhancements since 2004, demand for services often exceeds capacity.

TPH's sexual health programs use a variety of innovative tools and strategies to identify needs and trends and to plan and implement responsive and effective programs and services. Toronto Public Health will continue to monitor current epidemiological evidence and social research to ensure that TPH's Sexual Health Programs address the evolving needs of the community.

Background Information

Sexual Health in Toronto 2007

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7293.pdf>)

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Toronto Public Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic

(Staff Presentation)

(September 28, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report presents the Toronto Public Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic (TPHPIP). A copy of the plan is on file in the office of the City Clerk and is also available online at <http://www.toronto.ca/health/pandemicflu>. This plan replaces the Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan which was published in 2005. The new plan describes how Toronto Public Health (TPH) is preparing for an influenza pandemic and provides new information on how response activities such as influenza assessment, treatment and referral centres (community flu centres) and mass vaccination clinics would operate during the pandemic period. The report also identifies outstanding issues which require policy decisions or clarification from other orders of government, including the prophylactic use of antiviral medications and several legal and financial issues related to the operation of community flu centres. The next steps listed in the plan have been integrated into a workplan for TPH staff. That workplan is included in this report as Attachment 1.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7292.pdf>)

Toronto Public Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic - Attach.1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7296.pdf>)

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Implementation of Recommendations from the Audit of the Tuberculosis Program

(September 28, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health forward this report to the TB Subcommittee for information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications from this report.

Summary

This report provides an update on the implementation of seven outstanding recommendations made in a report by the Internal Audit Division in 2005 on the Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control Program. Toronto Public Health (TPH) has implemented all seven remaining recommendations.

Background Information

Implementation of Recommendations from the Audit of the Tuberculosis Program
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7294.pdf>

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Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Toronto /East York Local Health Committee meetings held on:

- April 10, 2007;
- June 5, 2007; and
- July 3, 2007.

Background Information

Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Meeting April 10, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7312.pdf>
 Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Meeting June 5, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7313.pdf>
 Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Meeting July 3, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-7314.pdf>

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2008 Approved Schedule of Meetings

Summary

The 2008 Approved Schedule of Meetings for City Council, Community Council, Standing Committees and the Board of Health is submitted for the Board of Health's information.

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Membership of Animal Services Sub-Committee

Summary

Two members of the Board of Health to be appointed to the Animal Services Sub-Committee for the period ending December 31, 2008.

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Health Inequalities in Toronto

(Staff Presentation)

Summary

Toronto Public Health staff to give a presentation on Health Inequalities in Toronto.