

April 16, 2007

To: Community Development and Recreation Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups

**The Board of Health, on April 16, 2007, requested the Community Development and Recreation Committee to assess the service plan review for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division for City-operated child and youth programming which service the needs of the most marginalized communities.**

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health:

1. advocated to the Federal Minister of Health, Ontario Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care and the Public Health Agency of Canada that a strategy be developed to monitor and report on the disparities in child health outcomes with an integrated and consistent analysis around the impacts of race;
2. urged the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (the Institute of Population and Public Health and the Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health) to fund longitudinal research on racialization and health disparities, with a focus on the intersections of race, income and health;
3. requested the Medical Officer of Health to compile a research plan to facilitate community based, participatory research in the area of racialized groups and health status to examine the lived experiences of people of colour;
4. recommended to the Executive Management Team that the 2008 Budget include an action plan to improve the health of children and families of racialized communities;
5. requested the Community Development and Recreation Committee to assess the service plan review for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division for City-operated child and youth programming which service the needs of the most marginalized communities;
6. requested the Medical Officer of Health to monitor the literature/data from the New Canadian Children and Youth Study and the National Longitudinal Survey of Children

and Youth on the health and development of children, including immigrants, refugees and racialized groups and report back to the Board of Health, as appropriate;

7. forwarded a copy of recommendations 1 to 5 to the Integrated Children's Services Advisory Committee for consideration.

Background:

The Board of Health on April 16, 2007, considered a report (April 10, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups.

Secretary,  
Board of Health

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Attachment

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