

Board of Health

Meeting No.	21	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Tuesday, February 10, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor John Filion

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City of Toronto-South East District Botswana HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership Update**Origin**

(January 15, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Toronto Public Health has led an HIV/AIDS capacity-building partnership with South East District Council (SEDC), a municipal government in Botswana, for the past six years. The partnership has been funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The focus has been on Palliative Care and Support and HIV/AIDS prevention through youth engagement by establishing a youth-led Kicking AIDS Out (KAO) initiative, the South East District Youth Empowerment League (SEDYEL). Youth engagement was the primary focus of the partnership in recent years. SEDYEL has a sports program (soccer league), peer educators to conduct outreach and HIV/AIDS prevention activities in the community, as well as a female-specific initiative called Kgatelopele Safe Spaces. SEDYEL is supported through a partnership between the City of Toronto, SEDC, Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC), UK Sport, Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) of Kenya, Schools Without Borders and the Kicking AIDS Out Secretariat.

In 2007, City Council established the Global AIDS Fund as a legacy of hosting the 2006 International AIDS Conference. Grants from this fund were allocated to Schools Without Borders to facilitate HIV/AIDS prevention initiatives and to support the building of a youth centre to house SEDYEL. This centre will serve as the office and meeting space for SEDYEL.

The partnership, funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), has now been wrapped up in its original form. However, the City of Toronto, under the leadership of Toronto Public Health, will continue to provide mentoring and support to SEDYEL and SEDC. The City will also continue to work with FCM to develop an HIV/AIDS skills sharing approach with particular emphasis on youth engagement using the Botswana-Toronto partnership as a model.

Background Information

hl21.1 - City of Toronto - South East District Botswana HIV/AIDS Prevention Partnership

Update - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18661.pdf>)

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Childhood Immunization Coverage in Toronto

Origin

(January 26, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to:
 - i. work with local public health units and primary care practitioners to implement strategies to promote age-appropriate vaccinations of children and youth;
 - ii. work with the Medical Officer of Health to further assess immunization coverage-related inequalities for Toronto children;
 - iii. implement a strategy to measure immunization coverage for children at two years of age in Ontario at regular intervals;
 - iv. ensure that local Boards of Health have access to a comprehensive immunization registry for collecting immunization information; in particular that the proposed PANORAMA national communicable disease information system:
 - a. is aligned with the data and functional elements recommended by the Canadian Immunization Registry Network (CIRN);
 - b. allows for assessment of all vaccines for public health purposes including mandatory and non-mandatory vaccines, new vaccines and vaccines that are publicly and non-publicly funded;
 - c. is designed so that it can easily accept electronic information from health care provider electronic medical records to allow for the efficient capture of immunizations provided in the community;
 - d. allows for assessment of coverage data by other variables stored in the registry including provider, geographic elements, and socio-demographic variables; and
 - v. ensure that Ontario's e-Health strategy of electronic health record systems for primary care providers is capable of updating and communicating immunization information into the proposed PANORAMA system for public health units.

2. The Board of Health urge the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada to expand the Canadian National Immunization Survey sample size to allow for analysis of immunization coverage data at the local level and to collect data on socio-demographic and economic factors to assess inequalities in vaccination coverage.
3. The Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - i. report back to the Board of Health on inequalities in vaccination coverage in Toronto; and
 - ii. include compliance and resource implications with respect to the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program as part of his report to the Board of Health on overall compliance with the 2008 Ontario Public Health Standards.
4. This report be forwarded to the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC), e-Health Ontario, the Provincial Panorama Steering Committee, the Canadian Health Infoway, the Institute for Clinical and Evaluative Sciences, the Canadian Immunization Registry Network, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Summary

The incidence of communicable diseases affecting children has been greatly reduced in Canada since the introduction of vaccination programs 50 years ago. Immunization has saved more lives in Canada than any other health intervention. New vaccines continue to be developed, approved and funded to prevent the death and disease associated with communicable diseases. However, outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases still occur in Toronto despite free access to most vaccines.

In order for immunization programs to be successful, high rates of coverage are required among children and adults. Immunization coverage rates are a recognized indicator of population health and health system performance. Toronto's coverage rate for mandatory vaccinations among school age children is 96.1%, close to the national target of 99%. However the monitoring and assessment of coverage rates for all vaccines can be improved locally, provincially and nationally.

This report provides information on childhood vaccination coverage rates in Toronto. It provides a summary of the immunization programs provided by Toronto Public Health (TPH) in relation to the new Ontario Public Health Standards. It compares coverage rates locally, provincially and nationally for mandatory and non-mandatory vaccinations. The importance of meeting the national immunization targets is reviewed including strategies to improve coverage for Toronto children. Finally, this report advocates for the systematic collection of immunization data through a local, provincial and national immunization registry.

Background Information

hl21.2 - Childhood Immunization Coverage in Toronto - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18659.pdf>)

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Hot Weather Response Plan Update

Origin

(January 27, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update on the City of Toronto Hot Weather Response Plan and the experience of summer 2008. The report also includes updates on several recommendations made at the April 16, 2007 Board of Health meeting and outlines specific initiatives being undertaken to improve the Hot Weather Response Plan.

Background Information

hl21.3 - Hot Weather Response Plan Update - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18660.pdf>

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Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

- Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 10, 2008.
- Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Background Information

hl21.4 - Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - November 10, 2008
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18662.pdf>
 hl21.4 - North York Local Health Committee Minutes - December 9, 2008
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18733.pdf>

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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health will give a verbal update on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

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Sub-Committee to Conduct the 2008 Performance Appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health will give a verbal report on this matter.