



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2009

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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 2009, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact beyond what has already been approved by Council in the 2009 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health. Appendix A attached summarizes the service contracts by program for 2009.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meetings of August 1 to 4, 2000, July 24 to 26, 2001, June 18 to 20, 2002, and April 28 to 29, 2008, City Council delegated authority to the Medical Officer of Health to award, execute and amend on an ongoing annual basis the purchase of service contracts for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Infant Hearing program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Sexual Health and AIDS prevention programs, the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative, the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program, and the Ambassador Partnership School Program 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 Sexual Health program, the Community Heart Health Partnership initiative, the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program, and the Ambassador Partnership School Program.

Preschool Speech and Language Program:

The 100% provincially-funded Preschool Speech and Language program provides services to children up to the date they are eligible to enter senior kindergarten. 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 for children with special needs. 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, 2009 to March 31, 2010. 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 2009/10 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 hospitals, 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. 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 2007 birth rates. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

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 for more than twenty years with Hassle Free Clinic, the Birth Control and VD Information Centre, and the Immigrant Women's Centre. 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 2009 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 (SIECCAN) 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 and women and diverse and marginalized populations, and community agencies that deliver services aimed at reducing or preventing the risk factors for heart disease and other chronic diseases. 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 with a value of \$2,500 each or less 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.

Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program (BLVEI):

At the meeting of July 16 – 19, 2007 City Council approved the Toronto Blind-Low

Vision Early Intervention Program. The 100% provincially funded program was implemented in September 2007. The BLVEI Program is standard throughout Ontario. Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children were the successful candidates of a Request for Interest process. Early intervention services for low vision and blind children are provided under contract by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children (OFVIC). Family support will be provided by Toronto Public Health staff. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 (see Appendix G).

Ambassador Partnership School Program:

The Ambassador Partnership School Program is a 75% provincial and 25% city funded program which combines alternative and cooperative education for a maximum of sixteen "Ambassador" students. The program is a partnership between four youth serving agencies which include Children's Aid Society of Toronto as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre, Toronto Public Health, Toronto District School Board and Central Toronto Youth Services. The mandate is to support youth violence prevention and assist high-risk youth that are presently or have been in the care of any of these agencies. Upon referral by school staff from the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Ambassador Students will deliver "testimonials" or "speakouts" to elementary school students in Toronto to assist with delivering violence and substance use/abuse prevention messages.

At the meeting held on May 21, 22, and 23, 2002 City Council approved funding for the Ambassador Partnership School Program. The 2009 budget for the Ambassador Partnership School Program is \$50,000. TPH currently has a service contract with Pape Adolescent Resource Centre for \$30,000. This includes salary costs of the program coordination, \$10,000 to cover the cost of Metropasses for Ambassador Students and \$10,000 for honoraria to Ambassador Students who deliver "speakouts" in elementary schools and who have attended school and/or weekly training programs (see Appendix H).

Conclusion:

Service agreement contracts with community agencies are an effective and efficient way to provide essential 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 2009 Service Contracts
- Appendix B Preschool Speech and 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 G Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program Contracts
- Appendix H Ambassador Partnership School Program Contracts

Appendix A

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH – 2009 SERVICE CONTRACTS		
PROGRAM	FUNDED BY:	AMOUNT (\$)
Preschool Speech and Language Program	100% Province	6,531,559
Infant Hearing Program	100% Province	680,650
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program	100% Province	2,709,193
Sexual Health Clinics	75% Province 25% City	1,989,384
Sexual Health Promotion	75% Province 25% City	389,108
SIECCAN	100% Province	50,000
Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative	100% Province	405,141
Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program	100% Province	173,626
Ambassador Partnership School Program	75% Province 25% City	50,000
TOTAL		12,978,661

Appendix B

Preschool Speech and Language Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)	
	2008/09	2009/10
North York General Hospital	1,442,287	1,442,287
Hanen Centre	1,648,655	1,648,655
George Hull Centre	1,248,844	1,248,844
Rouge Valley Health System	1,385,773	1,385,773
Geneva Centre	344,000	344,000
Toronto Children's Centre	154,000	154,000
Surrey Place Centre	162,000	162,000
Bloorview Kids Rehab	146,000	146,000
Total	6,531,559	6,531,559

Appendix C

Infant Hearing Program Service Contracts

2009/10 Screening Contracts		
Hospital	Postpartum Screening *	High Risk Screening NICU/SCN**
	(\$)	(\$)
Humber River Regional Hospital – both sites – Church & Finch	42,000	3,000
North York General	46,000	6,000
St. Joseph's	33,000	1,650
The Scarborough Hospital – both sites – General and Grace	36,000	4,000
Sunnybrook	27,000	5,000
Toronto East General	29,000	3,000
William Osler	27,000	3,000
Total Screening - \$265,650	240,000	25,650
* Postpartum screening projections based on \$10/ Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emission (DPOAE) test and 5% of all well babies needing an Automated Auditory Brainstem Response (AABR) & \$20/ AABR test past billing rates and 2007 birth stats.		
** High Risk Babies are screened using AABR (NICU/SCN) screening projections based on \$20 per test.		

2009/10 Audiology Services	
Agency	Projected Amount (\$)
Hospital for Sick Children	68,000
Humber River Regional Hospital – Church site	68,000
Mount Sinai Hospital	68,000
North York General Hospital	60,000
Rouge Valley Health System	68,000
Surrey Place	10,000
Total Audiology	342,000

2009/10 Communication Supports and Services	
Hospital for Sick Children (5 children)	10,000
Voice for Hearing Impaired Children (6-7 children)	25,000
Alan Chieftetz ASL Consultant (3-4 children)	6,000
Angelique Vittuli ASL Consultant (3-4 children)	6,000
Shelley Ryall ASL Consultant (3-4 children)	6,000
Silent Voice ASL Consultant (1-3 children)	3,000
Clara Kluge ASL Consultant (3-4 children)	10,000
Canadian Hearing Society	7,000
Total Communications Supports and Services	73,000
Total 2009/10 Infant Hearing Service Contracts	680,650

Appendix D

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount \$	
	2008	2009
Adventure Place	429,411	429,411
Macaulay Child Development Centre	348,840	348,840
Aisling Discoveries Child & Family Centre	992,647	992,647
Hincks-Dellcrest, Building Brighter Futures Program & Growing Together Program	938,295	938,295
Total	2,709,193	2,709,193

Appendix E

Sexual Health Clinic Service Contracts

Agency	2008 Contracts (\$)	2009 Contracts (\$)
Hassle Free Clinic	830,035	857,011
Birth Control & VD Information Centre	433,095	447,171
Immigrant Women's Health Centre	663,634	685,202
Total	1,926,764	1,989,384

Sexual Health Promotion Contracts

Service Agency	2008 Contracts (\$)	2009 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	2009 Proposed Contract Amount (\$)
North York Community House: Get Moving! (formerly Newcomer Women Taking Action for Healthy Living)	11,000
Applegrove Community Complex: Adventures in Food & Fun	5,453
The Black Secretariat: African Caribbean Diabetes Prevention & Heart Health Education Program	16,000
St Stephen's House: Amazing Race for your Heart	9,375
Toronto Public Health: Building Physically Active Communities	28,000
Better Beginnings Now-CAP C: Smart Start (formerly Early Start to Living Smart)	5,000
Toronto Public Health: Eat Smart! School Cafeteria Program	7,500
Toronto Public Health: Girls Unlimited: a CDP Approach	20,000
Toronto Public Health: Healthy Measures Early Child Development Nutrition Project	20,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board: Health Action Teams	58,800
Working Women Community Centre: Healthy Alternatives	3,750
Scadding Court Community Centre: Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)	12,000
The Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition c/o the George Hull Centre: Heart Health for Children & Families in Etobicoke	12,000
Social Services Network: HH in the South Asian Community	5,213
The Korean Senior Citizens Society of Toronto & For You Telecare Family Service: Healthy Life, Healthy Community	7,500
For Youth Initiative: Move Somethin'	13,875
Toronto Public Health: Rainbow Fun – A Physical Activity & Healthy Eating Program for Young Children	30,000
Toronto Public Health: School Gardens	14,200

Toronto District School Board: Toronto Schools on the Move	88,200
Albion Neighbourhood Services: Youth Heart Smarts	8,775
Central Toronto Community Health Centres: Four Winds (formerly Aboriginal Diabetes program)	3,000
Sub-Total	379,641
Miscellaneous Contracts with value of \$2,500 each or less	
Toronto Foundation for Student Success: Winchester School Community Garden	2,500
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	2,500
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
Agincourt Community Services Assoc.: Peers Empowering Youth 2 Eat Healthy	2,500
Heart & Stroke Foundation: Teaching Affordable Living Project	1,000
It's in Me Education & Training Programs: Camps United 2009 Swim Training Program	2,500
Gateway Public School: Healthy Living Community Project	2,500
Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre: Villawayz Art Studio for Children and Youth-Shop, Cook and Share	2,500
Sub-Total	25,500
Total	405,141

Appendix G

2009/10 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program (BLVEIP)

Agency	Projected Amount (\$)
Ontario Foundation For Visually Impaired Children	61,000
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)	112,626
Total BLVEIP Contracts	173,626

Appendix H

Ambassador Partnership School Program

Service Agency	Expenditure Type	2009 Contracts (\$)
Children's Aid Society of Toronto (as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre)	Purchase of Service Contract	30,000
Children's Aid Society of Toronto (as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre)	Student Metropass	10,000
Children's Aid Society of Toronto (as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre)	Honoraria	10,000
Total		50,000