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Recommended 2010 Operating Budget, Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division

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SUMMARY

The recommended 2010 gross expenditure budget of \$220.6 million is an increase of 2.2 percent over the 2009 approved operating budget. The increase is primarily due to cost of living adjustments, along with fringe benefit changes, step and progression pay increases amounting to \$3.761 million; collective agreement changes include family day and shift premium increases amounting to \$0.665 million; as well WSIB increased charges of \$0.653 million. The offset savings include user fees and provincial subsidies increases amounting to \$2.047 million.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

COMMENTS

Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services (LTCHS) provides exemplary long-term care services to residents and clients with a focus on the provision of individualized care that respects, supports and enables people to be as independent as possible. LTCHS strives to design and deliver programming that meets the growing and changing needs of residents and the community. LTCHS provides long-term convalescent and resident care, as well as community-based long-term care in three service areas: Homemaking, Adult Day Programs, and Supportive Housing.

The recommended 2010 gross expenditure budget of \$220.6 million is an increase of 2.2 percent over the 2009 approved operating budget with a municipal net increase of \$2.1 million or 4.7 percent. The increase is primarily due to cost of living adjustments, along with fringe benefit changes, step and progression pay increases amounting to

\$3.761 million; collective agreement changes include family day and shift bonuses increases amounting to \$0.665 million; as well WSIB increased charges of \$0.653 million. The offset savings include user fees and provincial subsidies increases amounting to \$2.047 million.

For 2010, each City program was required to meet a 5 percent net operating budget reduction target within their budget submission. For LTCHS, this represented a reduction target of \$2.2 million. The City's recommended 2010 operating budget includes a requirement for LTCHS to absorb all non-labour inflationary increases of \$0.650 million, such as hydro, water and gas. As well, LTCHS reduction strategies include backfilling or replacement of sick Registered Nurses (RN) with Registered Practical Nurses (RPN), resulting in savings of \$0.194 million due to lower RPN wage rates; and a reduction of 20 approved positions, resulting in savings of \$0.945 million.

Draft regulations under the new *Long-Term Care Homes Act* will broaden and increase program accountability requirements related to dietetic and food service operations. Accordingly, the recommended budget includes 9.3 additional positions at a cost of \$0.809 million, \$0 net.

The 2010 Recommended Operating Budget of \$220.626 million gross and \$46.773 million net is comprised of the following service areas:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Gross</u> <u>(\$000s)</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>(\$000s)</u>
Divisional Office	1,444.0	111.0
Toronto Homes	207,710.4	45,353.7
Community Based Services	<u>11,472.1</u>	<u>1,308.6</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>220,626.6</u>	<u>46,773.4</u>

The 2010 recommended operating budget ensures that the division is able to continue delivering the high quality long-term care services offered in its 10 long-term care homes; provide over 12,500 client days of care under the Adult Day Program; provide Supportive Housing units to 430 clients; provide 110,000 client visits under Homemakers and Nurses Services; and continue to support community agencies that deliver over 2,100 meals per week under the Meals-on-Wheels program.

The recommended operating budget reflects the division's continuing commitment to quality, safety and effective resource utilization through a continuous quality improvement approach. Innovative initiatives and strategies will continue to be employed to maximize the benefits of all available resources. The division will continue to explore ways to both enhance care and service and reduce costs. In addition, the division will continue to reiterate its position to the Provincial government that funding for long-term care homes must be improved as a priority. An increase in base funding is badly needed to meet the care and service requirements of residents living in long-term care homes.

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