

Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2010

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From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
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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 2010, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

- (1) The Board of Health forward this report to the Executive Committee for its information.

Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact beyond what has already been approved by Council in the 2010 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health (TPH). Appendix A attached summarizes the service contracts by program for 2010.

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 TPH 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

TPH 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 Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Partnership (a component of Community Heart Health Partnership initiative), the Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program, and the Ambassador Partnership School Program.

Preschool Speech and Language Program:

TPH is the lead agency for the 100 per cent provincially-funded Preschool Speech and Language program. This program provides services to children up to the date they are eligible to enter senior kindergarten. Services are delivered by community agencies and TPH staff that have expertise in speech and language service delivery to young children. Through a community planning process, a lead service provider was identified for each quadrant of the city and 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, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The Service contracts as specified in Appendix B are based on projected service delivery targets from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

Infant Hearing Program:

The 100 per cent 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, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program:

The Healthy Babies Healthy Children is a 100 per cent 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:

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. 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 2010 are identified in Appendix E.

TPH 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 per cent funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Partnership:

The Healthy Communities Partnership is a successor to the City's former Heart Health Program. There are 37 Healthy Communities Partnerships across the province and the partnership in Toronto is referred to as **Intohealth**. This program is funded 100 per cent by the Ministry of Health Promotion and involves contracting with community agencies that serve children, youth, women, diverse and marginalized populations, and community agencies that deliver services aimed at reducing or preventing the risk factors for chronic diseases. The selection of contracted agencies for **Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Partnership**, as named in Appendix F, is based on project criteria outlined in the Ministry of Health Promotion's Ontario Heart Health Program - Taking Action for Healthy Living guidelines and objectives. As the administrative lead for **Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Partnership**, it is necessary for the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute these purchase of service agreements during this transition period (January – March 2010). Specific amounts of these contracts are based on the terms and conditions outlined in the funding agreement established with the Province.

Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program (BLVEI):

This 100 per cent provincially funded program was implemented in Toronto in September 2007. The BLVEI Program is standard throughout Ontario. Early intervention services for low vision and blind children are provided in Toronto through a purchase of service from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and the Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children (OFVIC). Family support is provided by TPH staff. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 (see Appendix G).

Ambassador Partnership School Program:

The Ambassador Partnership School Program is a 75 per cent Provincial and 25 per cent City funded program which combines alternative and cooperative education for a maximum of thirteen "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, TPH, Toronto District School Board and Central Toronto Youth Services. The program 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 deliver "testimonials" or "speakouts" to elementary school students in Toronto to assist with delivering violence and substance use/abuse prevention messages. TPH currently has a service contract with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre for \$30,000 (see Appendix H).

Conclusion:

Purchase of services from 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 – 2010 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 Clinic/Sexual Health Service Contracts
- Appendix F Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Service Contracts
- Appendix G 2010/11 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Service Contracts
- Appendix H Ambassador Partnership School Program Service Contracts

Appendix A

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH – 2010 SERVICE CONTRACTS		
PROGRAM	FUNDED BY:	AMOUNT (\$)
Preschool Speech and Language Program	100 % Province	6,531,559
Infant Hearing Program	100 % Province	658,500
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program	100 % Province	2,709,193
Sexual Health Clinics	75 % Province 25 % City	2,073,872
Sexual Health Promotion	75 % Province 25 % City	389,108
SIECCAN	100 % Province	50,000
Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Partnership	100 % Province	91,904
Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program	100 % Province	180,375
Ambassador Partnership School Program	75 % Province 25 % City	50,000
TOTAL		12,734,511

Appendix B

Preschool Speech and Language Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)	
	2009/10	2010/11
North York General Hospital	1,442,287	1,363,182
Hanen Centre	1,648,655	1,648,655
George Hull Centre	1,248,844	1,248,844
Rouge Valley Health System	1,385,773	1,464,878
Geneva Centre	344,000	344,000
Toronto Children's Centre	154,000	0
Speech and Stuttering Institute	0	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

2010/11 Screening Contracts		
Hospital	Postpartum Screening * (\$)	High Risk Screening NICU/SCN** (\$)
Humber River Regional Hospital – both sites – Church & Finch	40,000	3,000
North York General	52,000	6,000
St. Joseph's	33,000	1,500
The Scarborough Hospital – both sites – General and Birchmount	38,000	4,000
Sunnybrook	28,000	3,000
Toronto East General	31,000	3,000
William Osler	30,000	3,000
Total Screening - \$275,500	252,000	23,500
* 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.		

2010/11 Audiology Services	
Agency	Projected Amount (\$)
Hospital for Sick Children	76,000
Humber River Regional Hospital – Church site	76,000
Mount Sinai Hospital	76,000
North York General Hospital	25,000
Rouge Valley Health System	76,000
Surrey Place	11,000
Total Audiology	340,000

2010/11 Communication Supports and Services	
Hospital for Sick Children AVT	10,000
Voice for Hearing Impaired Children AVT	5,000
Clara Kluge AVT	5,000
Canadian Hearing Society (Auditory Techniques)	7,000
Karen McIver-Lux (Auditory Techniques)	3,000
Alan Chieftetz ASL Consultant	5,000
Shelley Ryall ASL Consultant	5,000
Silent Voice ASL Consultant	3,000
Total Communications Supports and Services	43,000
Total 2010/11 Infant Hearing Service Contracts	658,500

Appendix D

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Contracts

Agency	Contract Amount \$	
	2009	2010
Adventure Place	429,411	429,411
Macaulay Child Development Centre	348,840	348,840
Aisling Discoveries Child & Family Centre	992,647	1,042,647
Hincks-Dellcrest, Building Brighter Futures Program & Growing Together Program	938,295	888,295
Total	2,709,193	2,709,193

Appendix E

Sexual Health Clinic Service Contracts

Agency	2009 Contracts (\$)	2010 Contracts (\$)
Hassle Free Clinic	857,011	882,722
Birth Control & VD Information Centre	447,171	469,892
Immigrant Women's Health Centre	685,202	721,258
Total	1,989,384	2,073,872

Sexual Health Service Contracts

Service Agency	2009 Contracts (\$)	2010 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

Intohealth: A Healthy Communities Service Contracts

Agency	2010 Proposed Contract Amount (\$)
North York Community House: Get Moving! (formerly Newcomer Women Taking Action for Healthy Living)	3,000
Applegrove Community Complex: Adventures in Food & Fun	1,858
The Black Secretariat: African Caribbean Diabetes Prevention & Heart Health Education Program	5,600
St Stephen's House: Amazing Race for your Heart	3,281
Toronto Catholic District School Board: Health Action Teams	21,000
Working Women Community Centre: Healthy Alternatives	975
Scadding Court Community Centre: Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)	4,200
The Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition c/o the George Hull Centre: Heart Health for Children & Families in Etobicoke	4,200
Social Services Network: HH in the South Asian Community	1,825
The Korean Senior Citizens Society of Toronto & For You Telecare Family Service: Healthy Life, Healthy Community	2,000
Toronto Public Health : School Gardens	10,000
Toronto District School Board: Toronto Schools on the Move	31,000
Albion Neighbourhood Services: Youth Heart Smarts	2,965
Total	91,904

Appendix G

2010/11 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Service Contracts (BLVEIP)

Agency	Projected Amount (\$)
Ontario Foundation For Visually Impaired Children	62,480
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)	117,895
Total BLVEIP Contracts	180,375

Appendix H

Ambassador Partnership School Program Service Contracts

Service Agency	2010 Contracts (\$)
Children's Aid Society of Toronto (as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre)	30,000