



## Decision Letter

### Board of Health

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| <b>Meeting No.</b>  | 17                          | <b>Contact</b> | Nancy Martins, Committee Administrator |
| <b>Meeting Date</b> | Monday, January 23, 2017    | <b>Phone</b>   | 416-397-4579                           |
| <b>Start Time</b>   | 1:00 PM                     | <b>E-mail</b>  | boh@toronto.ca                         |
| <b>Location</b>     | Committee Room 1, City Hall |                |  |

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| HL17.4 | ACTION | Adopted |  | Ward:All |
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### Toronto Overdose Action Plan Update

#### Board Decision

The Board of Health recommends to the Budget Committee that:

1. City Council approve, as part of the 2017 budget process, a New and Enhanced Request for the Toronto Public Health 2017 Operating Budget of \$0.297 million gross/\$0.074 million net and four permanent positions for comprehensive, evidence-based overdose prevention and response training to City and community agencies that work with clients at increased risk for drug overdose, and people who use opioids, their family and friends.

#### Origin

(January 10, 2017) Report from the Acting Medical Officer of Health

#### Summary

At its meeting of December 5, 2016, the Board of Health (BOH) asked the Acting Medical Officer of Health to develop a Toronto Overdose Action Plan, and report to the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Board on its status, implementation, and next steps. This report responds to that request.

Action is underway to develop a Toronto Overdose Action Plan that will include strategies that can be taken at the local level, building on existing efforts. Initiatives include establishing a Toronto Overdose Early Warning and Alert Partnership and holding several community forums to facilitate input from frontline service providers and people who use drugs on what should be included in the plan. Toronto Public Health (TPH) is undertaking this work in consultation with the Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel, and will report to the BOH on a more comprehensive action plan in March 2017.

An urgent short-term action that can be taken to address this issue is for the Board of Health to recommend that Council approve new funding in the 2017 TPH Operating Budget of \$0.297 million gross/\$0.074 million net and four permanent positions to provide comprehensive, evidence-based overdose prevention and response training to City of Toronto staff and community agencies that work with clients at increased risk for drug overdose, and people who

use opioids, their family and friends.

### **Background Information**

(January 10, 2017) Report from the Acting Medical Officer of Health on Toronto Overdose Action Plan Update

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-99792.pdf>)

### **Communications**

(January 22, 2017) Letter from Leigh Chapman (HL.New.HL17.4.1)