

**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING No. 4**

Date of Meeting:	May 12, 2003	Enquiry:	Yvonne Davies
Time:	1:00 p.m.		Secretary
Location:	Committee Room No. 1 100 Queen Street West Toronto City Hall		416-395-7345 boh@toronto.ca

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –April 7, 2003
[Sent to Members by electronic mail]

STAFF RECOGNITION

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

1. Children’s Mental Health

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health presenting the results of a needs assessment and literature review regarding the mental health of young children in Toronto, initiated by the Children and Youth Action Committee and Toronto Public Health; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health commend the Children and Youth Action committee for identifying children’s mental health as a significant issue requiring further attention and for providing the funding to complete the report entitled “Improving the Mental Health of Young Children in Toronto: Needs Assessment and Literature Review”;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee for its consideration;

- (3) Toronto Public Health collaborate with Children's Services Division, Community & Neighbourhoods Services Department, and other relevant City services to prepare a joint follow-up report on an implementation plan and implications of the "Improving the Mental Health of Young Children in Toronto: Needs Assessment and Literature Review" report; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Evaluation

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an overview of the provincial program evaluation that was conducted by the Integrated Services for Children Division of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health acknowledge the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's commitment to supporting local Healthy Babies Healthy Children programs by co-ordinating and funding both the Integrated Services for Children Information System (ISCIS) database and the program evaluation;
- (2) the Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for funding levels that fully support the delivery of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children in accordance with provincial program standards; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. Sole Source Contract for Interpretation Services with Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health requesting authority to extend the sole source contract with Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre for the provision of interpretation services required to deliver Toronto Public Health services to the City's multicultural community; and recommending that:

- (1) Concurrence be given for 2001/02 expenditures through Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre for the purchase of additional cultural interpretation services to support the delivery of Toronto Public Health programs, in the amount of \$784,700.00;

- (2) The sole source contract with Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre for the purchase of cultural interpretation services be extended from January 1 to July 31, 2003 in the amount of \$350,000.00 with the understanding that a Request for Proposals has been initiated in order to establish a new purchase of service contract; and
- (3) The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. 2003/2004 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies

Report not yet available.

5. Reduction of the Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating Budget

Report (April 25, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health seeking approval for a technical amendment to the Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Policy and Finance Committee for approval of a reduction of the Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating budget in the amount of \$985,842 gross, \$0 net; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. Harm Reduction Programs Targeting Drug Users in the City of Toronto

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining the various harm reduction programs in the City of Toronto that target drug users; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse this report and forward it to the Community Services Committee;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Board of Health and Community Services Committee on a process, including possible sources of funding, to initiate a municipal drug framework and strategy for the City of Toronto based on the four pillars of prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

7. AIDS and Drug Prevention Funding to Street Health Community Nursing Foundation

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health updating the Board of Health on the funding provided to All Saints' Church-Community Centre and Street Health Community Nursing Foundation for its harm reduction activities; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

8. Update on Regulatory Changes at Health Canada Related to Food and Nutrition

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health informing the Board of Health about recent regulatory changes at Health Canada related to food and nutrition; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health communicate its support to the Federal Minister of Health for the new nutrition labelling policy announced by Health Canada in January 2003;
- (2) the Board of Health recommend to Health Canada that they adopt the following recommendations regarding health claims and food fortification:
 - (a) allow sufficient time to monitor the impact of generic health claims on purchasing patterns, dietary practices and population health outcomes before approving product-specific health claim regulations;
 - (b) ensure that fortification is based on sound nutrition rationale and targets nutrients of identified public health significance;
 - (c) demand evidence that the nutritional health of Canadians will be improved with fortification;
 - (d) continue to take a leadership role in consumer education and devote resources towards consumer education campaigns relating to fortified foods;
- (3) the Board of Health re-affirm to Health Canada the need for an effective and sustainable national nutrition surveillance system with accurate nutrition methodology; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

9. Toronto Heart Health Partnership

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health providing the Board of Health with an update on the implementation of the Ontario Heart Health Program (OHHP) in the City of Toronto and providing highlights of the previous 5 years. It confirms the renewal of funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) for an additional 5 years (April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2008 and identifies preliminary plans set forth by the Toronto Heart Health Partnership (THHP) for this period; and recommending that this report be received for information.

10. Amendment of Building Codes to Reduce Hot Tap Water in Homes

Report (April 29, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health reporting on proposed amendments to the National Building Code and to the National Plumbing Code to reduce hot tap water in homes; and recommending that this report be received for information.

11. Toronto Public Health – 2002 Year-End and 2003 Capital Budget Variance Report

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health informing the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health's capital budget variance as at December 31, 2002 and first quarter of 2003; and recommending that this report be received for information.

12. Toronto Public Health – 2002 Year-End and 2003 Q1 Operating Budget Variance Report

Report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health apprising the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health's budget variance as at December 31, 2002 and first quarter of 2003; and recommending that this report be received for information.

13. Local Health Committee Minutes

- (a) Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on January 14, 2003;
- (b) Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on January 23, 2003;
- (c) Minutes of the Etobicoke Local Health Committee meeting held on March 5, 2003.