TORONTO Decision Letter

Board of Health

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Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2013 Operating Budget Request

Board Decision

The Board of Health recommends to the Budget Committee, for consideration during the 2013 Operating Budget process, that:

1. The Toronto Public Health 2013 Operating Budget Request be increased by \$350,000/gross, \$0.0 net and an increase of 3.5 permanent Public Health Nurse positions to reflect an increase in 100 percent base funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health in early 2013 regarding the implications of the revised Healthy Babies Healthy Children Protocol and the new funding on service delivery in Toronto.

Origin

(November 2, 2012) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Toronto Public Health (TPH) receives 100 percent funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) to deliver the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program. In 2011, the Ministry initiated a review of the HBHC Protocol. Completion of this review will result in a number of changes to the program, including the introduction of a new screening tool in 2013. Additional on-going base funding is being provided to health units to support roll-out and completion of this new screening tool. In October 2012, the Ministry informed TPH that new on-going base funding for three and one-half (3.5) new full time equivalent Public Health Nurse (PHN) positions will be provided to support implementation of this new tool. This report seeks approval for a budget adjustment to the TPH 2013 Operating Budget Request to reflect this new funding.

Background Information

(November 5, 2012) Staff Report from the Medical Officer of Health - Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2013 Operating Budget Request (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-51817.pdf)