



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2013

<b>Date:</b>	April 15, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Board of Health
<b>From:</b>	Medical Officer of Health
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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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 2013, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Medical Officer of Health recommends that 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 2013 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health (TPH). Appendix A attached summarizes the service contracts by program for 2013.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meetings of August 1 to 4, 2000, July 24 to 26, 2001, June 18 to 20, 2002, April 28 to 29, 2008 and May 11 to 12, 2010, 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 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention program, the Ambassador Partnership School program, and Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults 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 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention program, the Ambassador Partnership School program, and Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults 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, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The Service contracts are based on projected service delivery targets from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the 2013/14 fiscal year. See Appendix B.

### **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 are based on 2007 birth rates. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. See Appendix C.

### **Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program**

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 are in place with Hassle Free Clinic, the Birth Control and VD Information Centre, and the Immigrant Women's Health 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 2013 are identified in Appendix E.

TPH also has purchase of service agreements with three community agencies. These agencies deliver sexual health promotion services reaching specific high risk and hard to reach populations.

### **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, 2013 to March 31, 2014. See Appendix F.

### **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 \$50,000. See Appendix G.

### **Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults Program**

In 2008 City Council approved the addition of \$77,450 to the TPH budget to fund four agencies that use volunteer dental professionals to provide dental services to street youth and low/no income adults who are unable to pay for dental care in the private sector. These agencies are: SHOUT, Evergreen Youth Services, Parkdale Partners for Oral Health and Scarborough Urban Health Outreach dental clinic.

Low/no income adults are not eligible for the Toronto Public Health dental program. Street involved youth generally do not seek care in main stream organizations. They prefer to seek care at agencies that provide other supportive services for them.

The four agencies who currently receive funding through a purchase of service contract with Central Toronto Community Health Centres use these funds to purchase dental supplies, repair dental equipment and provide honorariums for some volunteer dental professionals such as dentists, and dental hygienists. These funds assist with keeping the clinics operating and attracting volunteers.

Agencies who provide free dental care to these residents are also funded by charitable donations. It is important for the City to continue to assist with funding these agencies so this service can be maintained. See Appendix H.

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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Services

## Appendix A

<b>Toronto Public Health – 2013/14 Service Contract Summary</b>		
<b>Program</b>	<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Preschool Speech and Language Program	100 % Province	6,474,183
Infant Hearing Program	100 % Province	576,650
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program	100 % Province	2,469,158
Sexual Health Clinics	75 % Province 25 % City	2,247,015
Sexual Health Services (\$389,108)	75 % Province 25 % City	439,108
Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN) (\$50,000)	100 % Province	
Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program	100 % Province	173,070
Ambassador Partnership School Program	75 % Province 25 % City	50,000
Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults Program	100% City	77,450
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,506,634</b>

## Appendix B

### 2013/14 Preschool Speech and Language Services

<b>Hospital/Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
The Hanen Centre	1,615,682
North York General Hospital	1,321,219
Rouge Valley Health System	1,372,758
George Hull Centre	1,223,868
Geneva Centre for Autism	410,374
Surrey Place Centre	158,760
Speech and Stuttering Institute	150,920
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital	143,080
Rouge Valley Health System - French	77,522
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,474,183</b>

## Appendix C

### Infant Hearing Program Service Contracts

<b>2013/14 Infant Hearing Screening Contracts</b>		
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Postpartum Screening * Contract Amount (\$)</b>	<b>High Risk Screening NICU/SCN** Contract Amount (\$)</b>
North York General Hospital	50,000	6,000
St. Joseph's Health Centre	33,000	1,650
The Scarborough Hospital-both sites General and Birchmount	38,000	3,000
Sunnybrook Health Sciences centre	24,000	3,000
Toronto East General Hospital	30,000	3,000
William Osler Health Centre	35,000	3,000
Subtotals	210,000	19,650
<b>Total Contract Screening</b>		<b>229,650</b>
<p>* Mount Sinai, St. Michael's Hospitals and The Rouge Valley Health System have elected for Toronto Public Health staff to administer the screening test to their newborns. TPH staff screen children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of the Hospital for Sick Children.</p> <p>** 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) &amp; \$20/ AABR test past billing rates and 2009 birth statistics</p> <p>High Risk Babies are screened using AABR (NICU/Special Care Nursery (SCN)) screening projections based on \$20 per test.</p>		

<b>2013/14 Audiology Services</b>	
<b>Hospital/Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Mount Sinai Hospital	90,000
Hospital for Sick Children	80,000
Humber River Regional Hospital – Church site	50,000
North York General Hospital	35,000
Rouge Valley Health System	35,000
Surrey Place Centre	10,000
<b>Total Audiology</b>	<b>300,000</b>

<b>2013/14 Communication Supports and Services</b>	
<b>Hospital/Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Hospital for Sick Children (6-7 children)	17,000
Canadian Hearing Society( 3-6 children)	10,000
Angelique Vitulli ASL Consultant(1-3)	6,000
Shelley Ryall ASL Consultant( 1-3children)	6,000
Revinet Inc. (1-2 children)	5,000
Silent Voice ( 1-3 children)	3,000
<b>Total Communication Development Services</b>	<b>47,000</b>

<b>Total 2013/14 Infant Hearing Service Contracts</b>	<b>576,650</b>
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## Appendix D

### 2013 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Services Contracting Agencies Budget for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to December 31st, 2013

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Aisling Discoveries Child & Family Centre (Babies Best Start)	950,268
The Hincks-Dellcrest Treatment Centre (Building Brighter Futures Program & Growing Together Program)	809,592
Adventure Place (Better Beginnings Now)	391,365
The Macaulay Child Development Centre (Parent Education & Support Program)	317,933
<b>Total Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Contracts</b>	<b>2,469,158</b>

## Appendix E

### 2013 Sexual Health Clinic Services

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Hassle Free Clinic	956,421
Immigrant Women's Health Centre	781,470
Birth Control & VD Information Centre	509,124
<b>Total Sexual Health Clinic Contracts</b>	<b>2,247,015</b>

### 2013 Sexual Health Services

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
AIDS Committee of Toronto	271,400
Planned Parenthood of Toronto	117,708
SIECCAN	50,000
<b>Total Sexual Health Services Contracts</b>	<b>439,108</b>

**Appendix F**

**2013/14 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Services (BLVEIP)**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)	117,590
Surrey Place Center	55,480
<b>Total BLVEIP Contracts</b>	<b>173,070</b>

## Appendix G

### 2013 Ambassador Partnership School Services

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Children's Aid Society of Toronto (as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre)	50,000

## Appendix H

### 2013 Dental Care to Street Involved Youth & Low Income Adults Services

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)
SHOUT Clinic	19,362.50
Evergreen Youth Services	19,362.50
Scarborough Urban Outreach Clinic	19,362.50
Parkdale Partners for Oral Health	19,362.50
Total	77,450