



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2016

<b>Date:</b>	May 13, 2016
<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 2016, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**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 2016 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health (TPH). Appendix A summarizes the service contracts by program for 2016.

#### 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 the 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 Early Abilities program, which includes Preschool Speech and Language; Infant Hearing and Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention. There are also service contracts for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program; the Sexual Health program; the Ambassador Partnership School program; and the Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults program.

### **Early Abilities Programs**

#### **Preschool Speech and Language**

TPH is the lead agency for the 100 per cent provincially funded Preschool Speech and Language (PSL) program. This program provides services to children up to school entry. Communication programming for children who are deaf or hard of hearing is delivered through PSL, but the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) deliverables associated with this service are reported through the Infant Hearing Program. Current service contracts align with the provincial fiscal year for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Service contracts are based on projected service delivery targets from the MCYS for the 2016/17 fiscal year. See Appendix B.

#### **Infant Hearing**

The 100 per cent provincially funded Infant Hearing Program provides: (1) universal screening of newborns at hospital discharge and at community clinics; (2) screening of high risk infants in hospitals and follow up surveillance at 18 months and 30 months; (3) audiology diagnostic assessment at community sites; (4) referral to the PSL for communication programming and the reporting of these deliverables.

Service contracts have been established with five hospitals that have opted to hire their own dedicated staffing for screening in the postpartum and/or neonatal intensive care units. Service contracts for six community based diagnostic assessment clinics have been established with agencies that were designated by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. All contracts are on a fee for service basis using a fee structure established by the Ministry. In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. See Appendix C.

#### **Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention (BLVEI)**

This 100 per cent provincially-funded program is standard throughout Ontario for children who have low vision or are blind. Early childhood vision consultation services are provided in Toronto through the purchase of service from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Surrey Place Centre (SPC). 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, 2016 to March 31, 2017. See Appendix F.

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

Healthy Babies Healthy Children is a 100 per cent provincially funded program that

provides blended home visiting services by both Public Health Nurses and Family Home Visitors for high risk families. In an effort to support local community capacity and avoid service duplication, the Family Home Visiting service contracts were awarded to and executed with the four local agencies that were already providing peer home visiting services. 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 2016 are identified in Appendix E.

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

### **Ambassador Partnership School Program**

The Ambassador Partnership School Program is a 75 per cent Provincial and 25 per cent City funded program which provides alternative education for a maximum of fifteen "Ambassador" students. The program is a partnership between three youth serving agencies which include Children's Aid Society of Toronto as represented by Pape Adolescent Resource Centre, TPH, 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. The Ambassador Students may also participate and/or assist program staff in the delivery of workshops and other activities in the community to market the Ambassador Partnership School Program. 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: Central Toronto Community Health Centres (SHOUT); Evergreen Centre for Street Youth Yonge Street Mission; Parkdale Community Health Centre and The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Health Care (SUHOC).

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 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 that 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.

Purchases of service 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**

- Appendix A - Toronto Public Health – 2016/17 Service Contract Summary
- Appendix B - 2016/17 Preschool Speech and Language Services
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  - 2016/17 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Services
- Appendix C - 2016 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Services
- Appendix D - 2016 Sexual Health Clinic/ 2016 Sexual Health Services
- Appendix E - 2016 Ambassador Partnership School Services
- Appendix F - 2016 Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low Income Adults Services

## Appendix A

<b>Toronto Public Health – 2016/17 Service Contract Summary</b>		
<b>Program</b>	<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Preschool Speech and Language Program	100% Province	7,235,635
Infant Hearing Program	100% Province	512,600
Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention Program	100% Province	189,415
Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program	100% Province	2,469,158
Sexual Health Clinics	75% Province 25% City	2,416,927
Sexual Health Services	75% Province 25% City	755,108
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>13,706,293</b>

## Appendix B

### 2016/17 Preschool Speech and Language Service Contracts

<b>Geographic Service Area Agency Apr 1, 2016– Mar 31, 2017</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
The George Hull Centre for Children and Families	1,339,115
Adventure Place Child and Family Centre	1,320,418
The Hanen Centre	1,208,968
Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre	1,231,578
The Macaulay Child Development Centre	1,116,566
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,216,645</b>
<b>City Wide Provider Apr 1, 2016 - Mar 31, 2017</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Geneva Centre for Autism	410,374
Surrey Place Centre	261,283
Speech and Stuttering Institute	180,000
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation	137,333
The Hospital for Sick Children	20,000
Canadian Hearing Society	10,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,018,990</b>
<b>Total 2016/17 Preschool Speech and Language Services</b>	<b>7,235,635</b>

**Appendix B cont'd**

**Infant Hearing Service Contracts**

<b>2016/17 Infant Hearing Screening Contracts (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)</b>	
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Post Partum Infant Hearing Screening (\$)</b>
Hospital for Sick Children	7,600
St. Joseph's Health Centre	35,000
The Scarborough Hospital-General & Birchmount	32,000
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	25,000
Toronto East Health Network	13,000
William Osler Health Centre	25,000
<b>Total Screening</b>	<b>137,600</b>

<b>2016/17 Audiology Services (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)</b>	
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Projected Amount (\$)</b>
Hospital for Sick Children	80,000
Humber River Regional Hospital	50,000
Mount Sinai Hospital	100,000
North York General Hospital	85,000
Rouge Valley Health System	60,000
<b>Total Audiology</b>	<b>375,000</b>

<b>Total 2016/17 Infant Hearing Service Contracts</b>	<b>512,600</b>
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**2016/17 Blind-Low Vision Early Intervention (BLVEIP)  
April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)	
Surrey Place Center	55,480
<b>Total BLVEIP Contracts</b>	<b>189,415</b>

## Appendix C

### 2016 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Services Family Home Visiting

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)
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 Child and Family Centre (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 D

### 2016 Sexual Health Clinic Services

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
Hassle Free Clinic	1,057,492
Immigrant Women's Health Centre	823,125
Birth Control & VD Information Centre	536,310
<b>Total Sexual Health Clinic Contracts</b>	<b>2,416,927</b>

### 2016 Sexual Health Services

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Amount (\$)</b>
AIDS Committee of Toronto	335,400
Planned Parenthood of Toronto	117,708
South Riverdale CHC	200,000
Central Toronto CHC	102,000
<b>Total Sexual Health Services Contracts</b>	<b>755,108</b>

## Appendix E

### 2016 Ambassador Partnership School Services

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

## Appendix F

### 2016 Dental Care to Street Involved Youth & Low Income Adults Services

Agency	Contract Amount (\$)
Central Toronto Community Health Centres (SHOUT)	19,362.50
Evergreen Centre for Street Youth Yonge Street Mission	19,362.50
The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Health Care (SUHOC) Clinic	19,362.50
Parkdale Community Health Centre	19,362.50
<b>Total</b>	77,450