



REPORT FOR ACTION

Integrated Services for Children Information System Implementation for Toronto Preschool Speech and Language and Infant Hearing Program - Technical Amendment

Date: July 9, 2018
To: Board of Health
From: Medical Officer of Health
Wards: All

SUMMARY

In 2008, City Council authorized the Medical Officer of Health to sign contract documentation to permit the use of the internet version of the Province's Integrated Services for Children Information System records facility for the data of Preschool Speech/Linguistics and Infant Hearing Programs (since succeeded by the Early Abilities Program).

There was an error in the bulleting of the 2008 report recommendation which resulted in standing authority only applying to programs only if their data made use of the ISCIS records facility.

This report will allow City Council to clarify the intent of the 2018 recommendation and grant the originally intended standing authority to the Medical Officer of Health for contracting with eHealth Ontario for internet versions of systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council declare that the recommendation from the April 28, 2008 City Council meeting for HL 13.3 intended to authorize the Medical Officer of Health to execute on behalf of the City not only whatever additional contract documentation eHealth Ontario (previously known as Province's Smart System for Health Agency) might require to permit the use of the internet version of the Province's "ISCIS" records facility by Toronto Public Health for the data of its Early Abilities Program, but also to permit the use of additional systems in connection with any other present or future program run by

Toronto Public Health and funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, or Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

2. City Council ratify all contract documentation executed by the Medical Officer of Health to permit the use of the internet version of systems which cited the 2008 report as the authority.

3. City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to execute on behalf of the City whatever additional contract documentation which eHealth Ontario, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and/or Ministry of Health and Long Term care may require to permit the use of:

(a) the internet version of eHealth Ontario's "ISCIS" records facility for the data of its Early Abilities Program; and

(b) any other systems by present or future programs for their associated data if the programs are run by Toronto Public Health and funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, or Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On April 28, 2008, City Council authorized the Medical Officer of Health to execute on behalf of the City whatever additional contract documentation the Province's Smart System for Health Agency (since succeeded by eHealth Ontario) might require to permit the use of the internet version of the province's Integrated Services for Children Information System records facility by Toronto Public Health not only for the data of Preschool Speech/Linguistics and Infant Hearing Programs but also for the data of any other present or future program run by Toronto Public Health funded by the province if a provincial ministry the required such use, subject to previously adopted data safeguards.

[April 28, 2008 City Council Item HL13.3](#)

COMMENTS

In 2008, City Council authorized the Medical Officer of Health to sign contract documentation to permit the use of the internet version of the provincial government's Integrated Services for Children Information System (ISCIS) records facility for the data of Preschool Speech/Linguistics and Infant Hearing Programs (since succeeded by the Early Abilities Program).

The intent was to give the Medical Officer of Health standing authority to execute on behalf of the City additional contracts for Toronto Public Health (TPH) to use the internet version of the province's Smart System for Health Agency (since succeeded by eHealth Ontario) systems.

There was an error in the bulleting of the 2008 report recommendation which resulted in standing authority only applying to programs only if their data made use of the ISCIS records facility.

Due to the error in the bulleting of the recommendation, the 2008 report as submitted and adopted covered the data of other programs only to the extent that the data was recorded in the "ISCIS" records facility.

The Medical Officer of Health has, on the strength of the 2008 report, executed a number of contract documents providing for the use of internet versions of non-ISCIS records facilities for programs other than the preschool and infant programs mentioned above (See Appendix A). While in accordance with the intent behind the 2008 report, the execution of such contract documents was technically beyond what City Council authorized.

Therefore, the Medical Officer of Health recommends that City Council authorize the original intent of the 2008 request, which was to permit the use of additional systems in connection with any other present or future program run by TPH, and funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, or Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; ratify all contract documentation executed on the basis of that original intent; and grant the standing authority as intended.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Contract Documentation Executed by the Medical Officer of Health to Permit the Use of the Internet Version of Systems which cited the 2008 Report (HL 13.3) as Authority