

## **Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2025**

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**To:** Board of Health

**From:** Acting Medical Officer of Health

**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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Toronto Public Health currently has service contracts with partner agencies that support service delivery in the community for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, Food Security initiatives, Sexual Health program, Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low-Income Adults program, and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care program.

Purchasing services from community agencies can be an effective and efficient way to provide essential public health services. This approach builds on existing service infrastructure in the community, facilitates community partnerships, supports continuity of service to clients, and can increase service efficiencies.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the purchase of service contracts awarded and executed by the Acting Medical Officer of Health for 2025, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This report has no financial impact beyond what has already been approved by the City in the 2025 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health. Attachment 1 outlines \$7.065 million in service contracts awarded and executed by program for delivery in 2025.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed the report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On May 27, 2024, the Board of Health considered and adopted a report on the purchase of service contracts awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2024, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

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## **COMMENTS**

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Toronto Public Health (TPH) currently has service contracts with partner agencies that support service delivery in the community for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, Food Security initiatives, Sexual Health program, Dental Care to Street Involved Youth and Low-Income Adults program and, the Ontario Seniors Dental Care program.

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

Healthy Babies Healthy Children is a 100 per cent Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) funded program that provides home visiting services to at-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 four local agencies engaged in providing peer home visiting services.

In order to align with the provincial fiscal year, the contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

### **Sexual Health Programs: Clinics and Services**

Sexual Health Clinics Program is cost-shared between the Ministry of Health and the City of Toronto, with purchase of service arrangements in place with three Toronto clinics: Hassle Free Clinic, Birth Control and Sexual Health Centre, and IWHC Toronto (formerly Immigrant Women's Health Centre). These clinics deliver services addressing the needs of specific priority client populations and can identify and respond quickly to gaps in service or emerging sexual health needs.

Toronto Public Health also has purchase of service agreements with five community agencies to deliver sexual health services. These agencies deliver sexual health promotion services reaching specific high risk and underserved populations.

The contracts are awarded for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

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

Funded 100 per cent by the City, contracts are in place with three agencies for dental care. These agencies use volunteer dental professionals to provide dental services to street youth and adults aged 18-64 years living with no or low income, who are unable to pay for private sector dental care. These agencies are Parkdale-Queen West Community Health Centre, Evergreen Centre for Street Youth Yonge Street Mission, and The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Health Care.

The agencies use the funds to purchase dental supplies, repair dental equipment, subsidize dental assistant salaries and provide honorariums for dental professionals such as dentists and dental hygienists. These funds assist with clinic operations and volunteer recruitment. Agencies that provide free dental care to these residents also receive funds through charitable donations.

The contracts are awarded for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

### **Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program**

On November 20, 2019 the Government of Ontario launched the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP), a 100 per cent Ministry of Health funded program for low income Ontario seniors. Dental treatment for OSDCP eligible seniors is available through clinics located within Public Health Units (PHUs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHACs).

Under the Ministry of Health's Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement, TPH may enter into contractual partnerships with organizations to provide eligible OSDCP seniors with specialty dental services that are part of the OSDCP service schedule, but unavailable through PHUs, CHCs and AHACs.

The contracts are awarded for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

### **Food Security Initiatives**

The Food Security initiatives are cost-shared between the Ministry of Health and the City of Toronto, with purchase of service arrangements in place with three community agencies: FoodShare Toronto; Working Women Community Centre; and Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre. The initiatives deliver low cost, fresh fruit and vegetables to equity-deserving communities, and promote skills development through food literacy education and food handler training.

The contracts are awarded for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

## **Toronto Public Health Strategic Impact**

The activities in this report advance the following priorities and objectives outlined in Toronto Public Health's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan:

Priority 2: Promote health and well-being across the lifespan

- Objective a. Reduce the burden of chronic and infectious diseases across the lifespan
- Objective b. Prioritize effective interventions for children and youth to meet their changing needs

Priority 4: Advocate to advance health equity

- Objective b. Collaborate with partners across multiple sectors to address local health needs

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Toronto Public Health – 2025 Service Contracts