

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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SCREENING, ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION - REVISED 2015 - 2016 FTE ALLOCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health approve the revised 2015-2016 FTE allocation for the Screening, Assessment, and Intervention Team as appended to Report No. 020-15 re Screening, Assessment and Intervention – Revised 2015-2016 FTE Allocation.

Key Points

- In October 2014 the Ministry of Children & Youth Services announced increased funding to address both assessment and treatment waitlists.
- In the 2015 – 2016 funding period, an additional \$158,717 has been approved to address the waitlists.
- Appendix A provides the revised FTE allocation for the Screening, Assessment and Intervention Team.

Background

In November 2014, the Board of Health reviewed [Report No. 046-14FFC](#), re “Preschool Speech and Language Program – Base Funding Increase” and approved the revised 2014-2015 budget to address waitlists.

2015 – 2016 MCYS funding

For the 2015 – 2016 funding period, the Ministry of Children & Youth Services (MCYS) added an additional \$158,717 to the Screening, Assessment and Intervention base budget. This additional grant was incorporated in the Program Budget Template and approved by the Board of Health on February 19th, 2015. However, these estimates were provided prior to meeting with service providers which occurred in February/March 2015. At that time, staff committed to providing more analysis and recommendations about how the increased funding should be allocated for 2015-16.

Attached as [Appendix A](#) is a schedule showing the revised FTE allocation for the Screening, Assessment and Intervention Team after consulting with the various service providers. As can be seen, the program is employing more resources for Speech & Language Pathologists (2.26 FTEs), Hearing Screeners (0.30 FTEs), Communication Disorder Assistants (0.40 FTEs), and Administrative Support (0.71 FTEs) for a total increase of 3.67 FTEs which is consistent with the intended purposes to reduce waitlists.

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