



TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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FUNDING FOR PANORAMA IMPLEMENTATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee make recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the terms and conditions to receive \$203,900 in one-time Panorama funding as detailed in the funding letter appended to Report No. 028-15FFC.

Key Points

- As identified in a March 2015 report ([Report No. 021-15](#)), Middlesex-London Health Unit was not compliant with the Standard for the 2014/15 school year because of the activities required to implement Panorama and additional screening requirements.
- On October 30, 2015, the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care approved \$203,900 in additional one-time funding, available until March 31st, 2016 to support the planning, preparation and deployment activities of Panorama.

Background

At the March 19th meeting the Board of Health received [Report No. 021-15](#), re: “Panorama & Vaccine Preventable Disease Standard Compliance” for information. The report identified that Middlesex-London Health Unit was unable to assess students’ immunization records and comply with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) in the 2014-2015 school year due to logistical challenges associated with Panorama implementation and the revisions to the ISPA which resulted in additional screening requirements. The Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario has asked that compliance with the ISPA be a priority for Health Units moving forward.

Additional Panorama Funding

On October 30th, 2016 the Health Unit received notification ([Appendix A](#)) that the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has approved \$203,900 in additional one-time funding available until March 31st, 2016. One-time funding for this initiative must be used for costs incurred for the ongoing operations and upgrades of the components of the Panorama System already implemented, as well as, to deploy and adopt components scheduled for implementation.

Conclusion

The MOHLTC has approved additional one-time funding of \$203,900 to support the ongoing operations and upgrades to Panorama. The funding will assist the Health Unit in its efforts to comply with the ISPA and therefore it is recommended that the Board of Health to accept the funding and its conditions detailed in the funding letter dated October 30th, 2016.

This report was prepared by Mr. John Millson, Director of Finance & Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mackie', is positioned above the printed name of the Medical Officer of Health.

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