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TO: Medical Officers of Health
Chief Executive Officers
Board of Health Chairs

RE: Public Health Funding Review Update

DATE: February 11, 2013

I am writing to update you on the process related to the Public Health Funding Review, which is identifying and examining proposed elements that should be considered in the development of a funding formula for mandatory programs and unorganized territories.

As you may recall, the Funding Review Working Group (FRWG) was originally established in April 2010 and met regularly until June, 2011. Meetings of the FRWG resumed again in October 2012, and include representatives from 10 health units, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). The FRWG was formed by the ministry to provide its best advice on possible funding models, considering equity factors, potential risks, and implementation issues.

When the FRWG was established, its Terms of Reference recognized that no new funding would be available to implement any new, proposed funding model, and that any funding adjustments would be implemented on an incremental basis, using any future increases to the overall provincial funding envelope for public health. When the FRWG was reconvened in October 2012, it discussed the current fiscal environment and how this might impact its work.

Field input sessions were led by FRWG members on January 14th with Medical Officers of Health and Chief Executive Officers, and again on January 16th with Business Administrators, with the purpose of seeking input on the proposed elements of a potential funding model.

Once the FRWG has reviewed the feedback from the field, it will finalize its report and submit it to the ministry for consideration.

The ministry recognizes the importance of engaging key stakeholders on any considerations related to a potential funding model for public health including, alPHa Board of Directors, the Public Health Leadership Council, Boards of Health, AMO and the City of Toronto.

I will continue to provide updates to you as the process continues.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arlene King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

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