



TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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MINISTRY FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS – 100% PROGRAMS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee make the following recommendations to the Board of Health:

- 1) *To receive the one-time funding letters attached as Appendix A to Report No. 012-14FFC as information, and*
- 2) *To increase the operating budget for the Best Beginnings Team by \$28,400 for one year only to be funded 100% by one-time grants from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and further*
- 3) *To increase the 2014 operating budget for the Screening, Assessment & Intervention Team for one year only to be funded 100% by a one-time grant from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.*

Key Points

- In early March the Health Unit received a total of three one-time funding grant approvals from the Ministry of Children & Youth Services. Two are for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program totaling \$28,400 for the development of a video that will support obtaining consent to participate in the Healthy Child Development Programs (\$5,000), and (\$23,400) to continue supporting the provincial HBHC program in a leadership role as a centre of education. The other is for the Infant Hearing Program (\$52,608) to support the purchase of hearing screening equipment and associated consumables.
- This funding was not included in the Planning & Budget Templates recently approved by the Board of Health on February 26th, 2014.

Background

Each year, typically after the third and fourth quarter financial reporting periods, Ministries often provide one-time funding grants to 100% programs to enhance program initiatives or to fund purchases that are capital in nature. Early in March 2014 the Health Unit received three such one-time funding letters from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). The letters are attached as [Appendix A](#) to this report. This funding is new for 2014, and was not included in the respective 2014 Planning & Budget Templates for the programs.

One-time Grant – Best Beginnings Team

Two of the funding approvals are for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program which is consolidated into the Best Beginnings Team budget. The first is \$5,000 for the development of a video that will support obtaining client consent to participate in the Healthy Child Development Programs including HBHC, Preschool Speech and Language, Blind Low Vision and Infant Hearing Program. Another one-time funding approval for the HBHC program was received in the amount of \$23,400. This funding is to support

the program by continuing to take a leadership role as a centre of education and to provide training to HBHC staff across the province.

One-time Grant – Screening, Assessment & Intervention

The Infant Hearing Program (IHP) which is consolidated into the Screening, Assessment & Intervention Team budget received a one-time grant of \$52,608 to support the purchase of hearing screening equipment and associated consumables. A condition of this funding is that the equipment must be purchased and received by the IHP by March 31st, 2014 which coincides with the Ministry's fiscal year end. In 2012, the province coordinated a province-wide contract with Genie Audio so that IHP's across the province could take advantage of competitive pricing and to ensure that IHP's are purchasing the same equipment. This contract is in place until 2016. The equipment will be purchased and received before the end of March 2014.

Conclusion

In March the Health Unit received a total of three one-time funding approvals for the HBHC and IHP programs to continue program initiatives and to purchase hearing and screening equipment. It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee make recommendations to the Board of Health to increase the 2014 operating budgets for the Best Beginnings Team and the Screening, Assessment and Intervention Team budgets by \$28,400 and \$52,608 respectively.

This report was prepared by Mr. John Millson, Director of Finance & Operations, and Ms. Diane Bewick, Director of Family Health Services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mackie', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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