

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR JULY 2016

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 048-16 Summary Information Report for July and the attached appendices be received for information.

Key Points

- The Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education (CaNE) project – based on the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) which is an evidence-based home visiting program targeting young, low-income, first time mothers - will develop, pilot and evaluate a Canadian model of education for NFP nurses and supervisors, with NFP education launching in December 2016 and client recruitment beginning in late January 2017.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

In 2015, the Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education (CaNE) Project was launched in Ontario to develop, pilot and evaluate a Canadian model of education for public health nurses and supervisors responsible for delivering the NFP ([Appendix A](#)). The CaNE Project is funded by a \$351,000 grant received from the Local Poverty Reduction Fund, and significant in-kind and moderate funding contributions from participating health units. The Ministry of Children and Youth Services approved allocation of NFP nurses, supervisors and administrative staff from the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program to implement the NFP. The Project is a collaboration between the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), Toronto Public Health, the City of Hamilton (Public Health Services), NFP International and McMaster University. A third health unit is currently considering being an implementation site. The Middlesex-London Health Unit is the lead health unit for the CaNE Project. On June 29th, a provincial CaNE Project clinical lead was seconded by MLHU from Hamilton Public Health. This lead will be involved in developing and delivering the education plan for the Canadian education sites in collaboration with an NFP international consultant from the University of Colorado, and will coordinate the development and implementation of the NFP at designated sites. A research team from McMaster University will coordinate the evaluation of the nurse education program. Over the next few months, three working groups will be formed to address curriculum development and delivery, implementation of the NFP at the participating sites, and evaluation of the CaNE project. MLHU will be actively involved in each of these working groups. Estimated timelines include delivery of the NFP curriculum to NFP nurses and supervisors from December 2016 to January 2017, with plans to recruit clients in late January 2017. MLHU will have four public health nurses providing service through the NFP program.



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