

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
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SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 047-17 re: Summary Information Report for September 2017, for information.

Key Points

- The Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program waitlist, initiated on April 19, 2017 in consultation with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), has continued to increase; it is hoped that the status of the HBHC waitlist will improve over the coming weeks as outstanding staff positions are filled.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Waitlist Update

The Best Beginnings Team provides high-risk home visiting services to pregnant women and families with children from birth until transition to school who are at risk for less-than-optimal growth and development. On April 19, 2017, in consultation with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), a waitlist for the HBHC program was implemented. Although the HBHC waitlist was initially quite small, with clients staying on the list for a short period of time (*see [Board of Health Report 028-17](#)*), waitlist has steadily increased and there are now 19 postpartum families, nine Prenatal and five Early Childhood families on the waitlist. Generally, postpartum families are being contacted in slightly over one week from the time the referral is received. Some Prenatal and Early Childhood clients have waited up to four weeks to obtain services. Prioritization processes are in place to ensure the most at-risk families receive services they require and the waitlist is reviewed daily. It is hoped that the status of the HBHC waitlist will improve over the coming weeks as outstanding staff positions are filled. We will continue to keep MCYS informed as necessary regarding the HBHC waitlist status.



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