

CORRESPONDENCE – December 2021

- a) Date: November 16, 2021
Topic: Request for Annualized IPAC Hub Funding and Increase in Provincial Base Funding
From: Chair Sally Hagman, Algoma Public Health Unit
To: The Honorable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Background:

Algoma Public Health wrote to the Honorable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health on November 16, noting the Board's resolution on October 27, 2021 to *commit to increased base funding to local public health units, with particular attention to addressing longstanding public health human resource challenges in the north, such that public health units are able to both continue a robust pandemic response, and restore the delivery of mandated public health services to Ontario citizens.*

It was noted that Algoma requested to not be limited to one-time IPAC Hub Program Funding to stabilize public health resources, especially in Northern Ontario. Communities need a robust public health system to not only respond to the threat of newly emerging infectious diseases, but also help the population recover from the increase in opioid overdose deaths and the need for children's mental health programs.

Recommendation: Receive.