



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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LONDON CHILDREN AND YOUTH NETWORK: ENDORSEMENT OF LONDON'S CHILD AND YOUTH AGENDA TO 2015

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health send a letter to Ms. Lynne Livingstone, Chair, Child and Youth Network, endorsing London's Children and Youth Network Agenda to 2015.

Background

In the fall of 2008, the London Child & Youth Network (CYN) presented to the London Community its three-year strategic directions. Each of the over 150 member agencies endorsed this plan through a letter of support. The Board Health Unit discussed the Network's priorities and was among those who endorsed the plan. Since 2008, the Network agencies have been working together to implement action plans in the areas the following four areas:

- poverty;
- literacy;
- healthy eating/healthy physical activity; and
- building a family-centered system.

Regular progress reports regarding the CYN have been presented to the Board of Health. In February 2012, the Child and Youth Agenda 2011 Progress Report was shared with Board members. Staff members also outlined how the Health Unit had contributed to the vision of the Child and Youth Network, as well as how continued involvement benefitted the work of public health.

Child and Youth Agenda: 2012-2015

In March 2012, the CYN held an event for all member agencies in order to: celebrate the successes of the first three years of London's Child and Youth Agenda; plan the 2012-2015 Child and Youth Agenda, and discuss the evolution of the Network. Based on feedback obtained from this event, a written draft of the Agenda to 2015 was presented at the Child and Youth Network meeting on May 17, 2012. The Executive Summary of the 2012-2015 agenda is attached as [Appendix A](#). It can also be accessed online at http://www.london.ca/Child_Youth_Network/PDFs/ChildandYouthAgendaExecutiveSummaryEnglish.pdf.

Four key directions continue to steer the work:

- end poverty;
- make literacy a way of life;
- be national leaders in increasing healthy eating and physical activity; and
- create a family-centered system.

Specific objectives and activities are outlined for each of the four priorities which are to be accomplished over the next three years. This Agenda will be overseen by the Child & Youth Network. Health Unit staff members remain involved in the planning and implementing of activities in each of the four areas. The directions of these priorities enhance public health's ability to strengthen the health of the community and meet our own provincial mandates.

Once again, Child and Youth member agencies have been asked to endorse the Child & Youth agenda for the next 3 years. The intent is to support these four directions through participation in activities which leverage the work of public health. Working collaboratively with the many partners in the network will further contribute to an integrated system of services for Londoners.

Summary

The Health Unit remains committed to the work of the Child and Youth Network. The Health Unit's ten-year strategic vision and the three-year strategic outcomes complement the second Child and Youth Network Agenda for 2012 to 2015.

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<p>This report addresses the following requirement(s) of the Ontario Public Health Standards: Child Health Goal: To promote the health of children and youth.</p>
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