



MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Health Services Committee Members

FROM: Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services

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RE: **Update on Provincial Public Health Performance Management Initiatives**

The province is in the process of developing and implementing a public health performance management framework which incorporates continuous quality improvement and enhanced program and organizational accountability. Current initiatives related to this framework include the development of accountability agreements and organizational standards for public health units.

Accountability agreements will set out obligations of provincial ministries and public health units. They will initially replace the existing public health Program-Based Grants funding process, and are expected over time to evolve in scope and content to include new performance expectations and reporting requirements for health units.

Public Health Organizational Standards are anticipated to be implemented as part of the proposed accountability agreements. They are intended to provide a baseline of expectations to assess the functioning of the whole public health organization, and contain expectations of both the board of health as the governing body and the public health unit as the administrative arm of the organization. In York Region, organizational standards will apply to Regional Council as the board of health, and may have implications for Regional administrative structures.

Given the potential impact of the organizational standards on boards of health, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be conducting an e-survey on the draft Public Health Organizational Standards in the early summer, which will be open to a broad range of participants from the public health sector including board of health members. These draft standards have been developed over the last few months based on best practice in the areas of board structure, board operations, leadership, trusteeship, strategic and operational planning, management, and community engagement and responsiveness.

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