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Dr. Helena Jaczek  
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Dear Dr. *Helena* Jaczek:

I am pleased to report that the implementation of iPHIS has been moving forward on schedule. Today 35 health units are using iPHIS as their day-to-day case management and reporting system and we are on track to complete all health units by the end of 2005.

Earlier this year the Ministry of Health and Long Term-Care (MOHLTC) provided special one-time funding to assist public health units with the costs associated with implementing iPHIS. I am writing to inform you that another allocation of one-time funding for iPHIS implementation activities will be provided.

The MOHLTC will provide the York Region Health Services Department with \$47,230 in 2005 to assist your local iPHIS implementation activities. This funding is in addition to other funds provided by the ministry and is 100% funding, not tied to the shared funding formula.

This funding can be used as you deem appropriate to cover costs related to iPHIS implementation or post implementation activities. These may include: new or upgraded desktop computers, staffing costs for new or backfill requirements, travel and training costs.

As mentioned earlier in this letter, funding for the iPHIS implementation is a one-time allocation. It is expected that public health units will identify costs associated with iPHIS operations. Any additional operational costs will need to be budgeted for by the board of health and funded under the standard cost shared funding formula.

Dr. Helena Jaczek

I know that the compressed timeline for this project presented challenges, and I am very impressed with the way everyone has pulled together to implement iPHIS. I understand that this outcome represents a tremendous amount of work on the part of the public health units and your staff. Congratulations on a job well done.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sheela Basrur', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Sheela Basrur  
Chief Medical Officer of Health and  
Assistant Deputy Minister