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LONG TERM CARE AND SENIORS BRANCH 2003 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, February 10, 2004, from the Commissioner of Health Services:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council receive the annual report of the Medical Director of the Newmarket Health Centre and the Maple Health Centre (*see Attachment 1*) for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report is provided to the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council, as the governing body of the Regional Long Term Care Facility Program, to facilitate their legislated responsibility for ensuring that the Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre are in compliance with applicable legislation and standards for the provision of long term care.

3. BACKGROUND

Legislation governing the operation of municipal long term care facilities dictates that the Medical Director must report to the governing body of the facility on an annual basis. The report is to summarize the general health condition of the residents; the medical, nursing, activational and other therapeutic services provided to them; and shall also include any recommendations that he or she considers necessary to ensure proper conditions of health and an adequate state of well-being for all residents.

The report of the Medical Director is, therefore, submitted to the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council as the Governing Body for the Newmarket and Maple Health Centres in compliance with that legislation. This report also facilitates management's responsibilities for ensuring that there is a quality management system that is developed and implemented for monitoring, evaluating and improving the quality of care and services provided to the residents.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Medical Director's Report indicates that the quality of care provided in the Region's Long Term Care Facility Program continues to be at a high level. The Medical Director

has concluded in her report that the care, programs and services provided at the Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre continue to be in compliance with the requirements of legislation and regulations.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Medical Director's Annual Report provides confirmation that the Health Services Department continues to deliver high-quality long term care services for the residents of all local municipalities.

7. CONCLUSION

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Medical Director and the Attending Physicians for the excellent quality of care they provide to our residents at the Regional Long Term Care Centres.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing is included with this report and is also on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk)