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HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN PROGRAM 2006 YEAR END SETTLEMENT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, September 19, 2007, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The Certificate of Settlement of Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program for the 2006 fiscal year set out in Attachment 1 be received.

2. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requires that a separate audited annual Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures be submitted for the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. A copy of Certificate of Settlement is appended as Attachment 1

3. BACKGROUND

The Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program is a mandatory 100% provincially funded program. It is a preventative early intervention program intended to improve the well-being and long-term prospects of children.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total budgeted direct program expenditures of $3,838,923 were approved and cash flowed by the Ministry. The Healthy Babies/Healthy Children direct program costs are 100% subsidized by the Ministry. Total actual net program expenditures for the 2006 fiscal year totalled $3,685,799, resulting in an under expenditure of $153,124. This under spending is mostly a result of benefit gapping due to the hiring of temporary staff who incurs less benefits costs to fill full time staff vacancies in the program.

The Ministry does not fund indirect corporate services, totalling approximately $685,000, provided in support of this program. These services include Corporate Services such as

Human Resources and Property Services, and services provided by the Finance Department such as Payroll, Accounting, Budgeting, Purchasing and Information Technology. In addition, the Ministry does not fund direct administrative costs such as rent. Costs associated with these direct administrative costs and indirect corporate services are therefore funded through the Public Health cost-shared budget at 65%.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requires that a separate audited annual Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures be submitted for the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program. The attached Year End Settlement satisfies this requirement.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the Agenda for the October 4, 2007 Committee meeting.)