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EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The 2006 Year End Settlement of Early Child Development (ECD) Initiatives programs for the 2006 fiscal year set out in Attachments 1A and 1B 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 Early Child Development Initiatives programs.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. Copies of the Certificates of Settlement are appended as Attachments 1A and 1B.

3. BACKGROUND

The Early Child Development Initiatives programs are 100% provincially funded programs.

The Injury & Family Abuse Prevention Initiative helps to reduce the risks associated with childhood injury and family abuse. The Promotion of Health Pregnancy & Child Development Initiative addresses areas in healthy pregnancy, child growth and development, and parenting capacity.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total actual net program expenditures for the 2006 fiscal year totalled \$579,965 resulting in an under expenditure of \$96,050. This under spending was mainly due to salary gapping in the Injury & Family Abuse Prevention program as well as benefit gapping in the Promotion of Healthy Pregnancy & Child Development program. This is due to some

staff finding alternate positions thus creating vacancies as the programs were ceasing at the end of 2006. Under spending in material purchases and savings in contract costs contributed to additional program savings.

Total budgeted direct program expenditures of \$676,015 were approved and cash flowed by the Ministry. The Early Child Development Initiatives direct program costs are 100% subsidized by the Ministry. Table 1 below provides a summary of the two programs under the ECD Initiatives.

Table 1
Summary – ECD Initiatives

Program	Budget	Actual
Injury & Family Abuse Prevention	490,299	414,329
Promotion of Health Pregnancy & Child Development	<u>185,716</u>	<u>165,636</u>
	676,015	579,965

The Ministry does not fund indirect corporate services, totalling approximately \$100,000, provided in support of these programs. 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. These corporate and financial support services are 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 Statements of Revenue and Expenditures be submitted for the Early Child Development Initiatives programs. The attached Year End Settlements satisfy 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.)