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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS 2007 ANNUAL RECONCILIATION REPORT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, September 11, 2008, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Annual Reconciliation Report of Community Service programs for the 2007 fiscal year be received.
2. The 'Certification by Provider', set out at Section VI of *Attachment 1*, certifying the accuracy of the Reconciliation Report, be signed by the Program Director and the Regional Chair.

2. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requires that a separate audited Annual Reconciliation Report be submitted for Community Service programs. The report is based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. A copy of the 'Certification of Provider' is appended as *Attachment 1*.

3. BACKGROUND

The Community Support Service programs include Adult Day Centres, Client Intervention, Psychogeriatric Consulting Services, and Personal Emergency Response Systems. They provide a supportive environment that assists clients in achieving and maintaining their maximum level of functioning, thus preventing premature institutionalization, as well as offering respite and supportive care for caregivers. In 2007, 14,367 units of service were provided in the four Long Term Care Day Centres, Client Intervention, Psychogeriatric Programs, and Personal Emergency Response Systems. One unit is equivalent to one full day of attendance in Day Centres and one hour for other services. The Centres provide services to individuals with cognitive disorders, acquired brain injuries, physical disabilities and communicative disorders.

Also included in the appended report are the Alternative Community Living programs (referred by MOHLTC as Supportive Housing). They provide twenty-four hour personal care to vulnerable, at-risk individuals in the community. Essential support services and homemaking were provided for a total of 78,920 units of service to frail vulnerable at-risk seniors in York Region during 2007. The programs continue to have a waiting list of 595 individuals, far exceeding the 254 clients currently being served. The average wait time for Day Centres ranges from two to six months while the other programs are approximately three years. Proposals are being prepared to expand supportive housing within the Region to meet the needs of the growing seniors' population.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The actual expenditures for all the programs totalling \$5,133,196 are reported in the final audited reconciliation. The programs are over budget mainly due to unbudgeted costs resulting from the ratification of the collective agreement with CUPE Local 905 and increased OMERS pension contribution, fuel and food costs. The overage is partially offset by additional client fees.

The budgeted expenditures of \$4,448,393 were approved by the Ministry for 2007/2008. The remaining program costs were funded by client fees and municipal subsidies. The municipal share (tax levy) of \$969,801 is within the approved 2007 Business Plan and Budget. This is a total of the \$341,637 listed under Revenues - Other and the \$628,164 that exceeds the MOHLTC subsidy limit. In accordance with the funding agreement, the Ministry funds indirect corporate costs provided in support of this program at the same subsidy level. All indirect costs totalling \$92,659 (reported on the Annual Reconciliation Report as 'Central Agency Charges') were funded by the Ministry. Indirect corporate services provided in support of these programs include Corporate and Legal Services such as Human Resources, and services provided by Finance such as Payroll, Accounting, Budgeting, Purchasing and Information Technology.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The MOHLTC requires the attached financial return be received by Committee and that the 'Certification by Provider' be signed by the Program Director and the Regional Chair.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the October 2, 2008 Committee meeting.)