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ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY LIVING PROGRAMS 2002 ANNUAL RECONCILIATION REPORT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends:

1. **The recommendation contained in the following report, September 18, 2003, from the Commissioner of Finance be adopted; and**

2. **Staff be requested to bring back a report in Spring 2004 regarding the programs and resources required to meet the needs of the changing demographics of a growing population that could utilize an alternative community living program.**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:
1. The Annual Reconciliation Report of Alternative Community Living Programs for the 2002 fiscal year be received; and

2. The "Certification by Agency" be signed by the Program Director and the Regional Chair.

2. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requires that a separate audited Annual Reconciliation Report be submitted for Alternative Community Living Programs (ACL). This report is based on a modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) by excluding accruals for revenues and expenditures beyond 30 days from the fiscal year end.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. A copy of the Reconciliation Report is appended as Attachment 1.

3. BACKGROUND

The Alternative Community Living Programs provide twenty-four hour personal care to vulnerable, at risk individuals in the community. Essential support services and homemaking were provided to a total of 161 frail vulnerable at risk seniors in York Region during 2002. The programs continue to have a waiting list of 260 individuals, far exceeding the 123 clients currently being served. Proposals are being prepared to expand supportive housing within the Region and meet the needs of the growing seniors' population.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Of the actual expenditures totalling $2,303,283 as reported on the final audited reconciliation: $2,061,411 was funded by the Province and $241,872 was from tax levy. The programs were overbudget a net of $32,476 or 1.6% of Provincial subsidy approval due to overspending in salaries and benefits. This was offset by underspending in other budget areas. The overall ACL actual expenditures were within the approved Regional Budget. The Alternative Community Living Programs were granted expansion funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to allow for flexible care provision on an outreach basis to other tenants residing in the existing ACL apartment buildings sites. These funds are utilized based on the fluctuating needs of the tenants currently residing in non-designated apartments at the program sites.

The budgeted expenditures of $2,270,805 were approved by the Ministry for 2002 at an approximate subsidy rate of 89% or $2,028,935. The remaining program costs of $241,870 were to be funded from tax levy.

In accordance with the funding agreement, the Ministry funds indirect corporate costs provided in support of this program at the same subsidy level. Of the indirect costs of $59,934 (reported on the Annual Reconciliation Report as “Central Agency Charges”), $53,341 was funded by the Ministry.

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 the attached financial return be received by the Committee and that the “Certification by Agency” be signed by the Program Director and the Regional Chair.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing was forwarded to each Member of Council with the October 2, 2003 Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)