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### **EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES 2002 YEAR END SETTLEMENT**

**The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, September 18, 2003, from the Commissioner of Finance:**

#### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. The 2002 Year End Settlement of Early Child Development Initiatives Programs for the 2002 fiscal year be received.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requires that a separate audited annual Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures be submitted for Early Child Development (ECD) Initiatives Programs.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. Copies of the Certificates of Settlement are appended as Attachment 1.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

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

Injury and Family Abuse Prevention Initiative helps to reduce the risks associated with childhood injury and family abuse. Promotion of Health Pregnancy and Child Development Initiative addresses areas in healthy pregnancy, child growth and development, and parenting capacity. Perinatal and Child Health Survey Strategies Initiative focus on the development and implementation of traditional survey information needs.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Total actual net program expenditures for the 2002 fiscal year totalled \$314,342, resulting in an underexpenditure of \$36,334. This minor underspending was mainly in the area of operating expenses.

Total budgeted direct program expenditures of \$350,676 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 three programs under the ECD Initiatives.

**Table 1**  
Summary – ECD Initiatives

| <b>Program</b>                                    | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Actual</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Injury & Family Abuse Prevention                  | 174,000       | 160,566       |
| Promotion of Health Pregnancy & Child Development | 86,200        | 79,522        |
| Perinatal & Child Health Survey Strategies        | 90,476        | 74,254        |
|                                                   | 350,676       | 314,342       |

The Ministry does not fund indirect corporate services provided in support of this program. These services include Corporate and Legal 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 100% funded by the Region.

**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 separate audited annual Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditures be submitted for the Early Child Development Initiatives Programs. The attached Auditors' Reports and Year End Settlements satisfy this requirement.

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.)*