

9

**HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN PROGRAMS
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 Certificate of Settlement of Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program 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 Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. A copy of the 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 \$2,673,488 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 2002 fiscal year totalled \$2,398,335, resulting in an underexpenditure of \$275,153. This underspending is a result of the salary and benefits gapping from the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program (\$165K) and an unexpected increase in the Universal Screening and Assessment grant for 2002 (\$119K).

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. In addition, the Ministry does not fund direct administrative costs such as rent.

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 Auditors' Report and Year End Settlement 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.)