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EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES 2004 YEAR END SETTLEMENT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, November 9, 2005, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The 2004 Year End Settlement of Early Child Development Initiatives Programs for the 2004 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, 2004. Copies of the Certificates of Settlement are appended as Attachment 1.

3. BACKGROUND

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

The Injury and Family Abuse Prevention Initiative helps to reduce the risks associated with childhood injury and family abuse. The Promotion of Health Pregnancy and 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 2004 fiscal year totalled \$635,742 resulting in an under expenditure of \$40,273. This minor under spending was mainly due to benefits gapping in both the Injury & Family Abuse Prevention and the Promotion of Healthy Pregnancy & Child Development program areas. The gapping is a result of staff turnover and the subsequent hiring of temporary staff for part of 2004. Under spending in program materials is a result of program redesign and to the deferral of purchases to 2005.

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	449,332
Promotion of Health Pregnancy & Child Development	<u>185,716</u>	<u>186,410</u>
	676,015	635,742

The Ministry does not fund indirect corporate services provided in support of this program. 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.

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 Year End Settlements satisfy this requirement.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)