BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT 07-001

9:30 a.m.
January 22, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair)
Councillor B. Clark, (Acting Vice-Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie,
S. Merulla, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta,
M. Pearson, R. Powers, and T. Whitehead

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
Dr. M. Hodge, AMOH
Dr. J. Emili, AMOH
D. Elliott, R. Hall, D. Sheehan, S. Harding-Cruz, and
R. Hart, Public Health Services
C. Graham, General Manager, W. Herriott, Human
Resources
G. Kuzyk, Legal Services
Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerks

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 07-001 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair (2007) (Item A)

That the monthly rotating Deputy Mayor be Vice-Chair of the Board of
Health for the 2007 to the 2010 term of office.

2. New Family Health Division Funding (BOH07004) (City Wide) (Item
5.1)

That Report BOH07004 respecting New Family Health Division Funding
be received.
3. **Immunization Record Information System – (IRIS) BOH07003 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

That Report BOH07003 respecting Immunization Record Information System – (IRIS) be received.

4. **Manager of Environmental Health: Planning, Promotion and Response for Health Hazards and Emergencies BOH07002 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

That Report BOH07002 respecting Manager of Environmental Health: Planning, Promotion and Response for Health Hazards and Emergencies be received.

5. **Enhancements to Food Safety Program BOH07006 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(a) That Public Health Services (PHS) staff be directed to consult key stakeholders regarding the desirability/feasibility of implementing mandatory food handler certification and the disclosure of food premise inspection findings;

(b) That Public Health Services (PHS) staff be directed to provide recommendations to the Board of Health regarding mandatory food handler certification and the disclosure of food premise inspection findings at the Board of Health April 23, 2007 meeting.

6. **Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) Program PH06002(b) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That the continuation of the current PHRED partnership agreements with the University of Guelph and McMaster University with changes to increase accountability as described in Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) Program Report PH06002(b) be approved.

7. **Funding from the Province for Small Drinking Water Systems and Public Health Research Education and Development (PHRED) Programs.**

That Council re-affirm its previous position with respect to downloading by sending a letter to the Province requesting that it provide 100% funding for all Public Health costs related to the implementation of the Small Drinking Water Systems Program and 75% funding for Public Health Research Education and Development (PHRED) Programs.
8. Implications of an Arbitration Award respecting payment of overtime for the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Public Health Unit PH06019(a)/HUR06008(a) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(a) That Report PH06019(a)/HUR06008(a) respecting the implications of an arbitration award respecting payment of overtime for the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Public Health Unit be received;

(b) That Public Health Services staff discontinue providing weekend prenatal classes for the reasons provided in this report;

(c) That Public Health Services staff utilize the following criteria to determine if and when any other public health programs would be offered on the weekend:
   (i) it is a mandated service,
   (ii) the mandated service is evidence based,
   (iii) service cannot be provided at an alternate time,
   (iv) the impact on community/Public Health Services is significant, and
   (v) it can be done within the existing budget.

(d) That the balance of Report PH06019(a)/HUR06008(a) entitled Implications of an Arbitration Award respecting payment of overtime for Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Public Health Unit remain private and confidential.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
The Clerk advised that there are no changes to the agenda.
The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

(c) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Rabies Control Program BOH07001 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Susan Harding-Cruz provided a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a hand-out which highlighted the following:
(1) Brief overview of rabies
(2) Rabies Control is a mandatory Program under the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
(3) Resources: Budget and Staffing
(4) Statistics and Program Work
(5) What peer communities are doing – all Ontario health units work together to solve rabies investigations
(6) Emerging issues and opportunities – i.e. rabies awareness, animal control partnership

On a motion (McCarthy/Whitehead) the Board received the presentation.

(ii) Public Health Environmental Scan (Item 7.2)

Dr. Richardson provided a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a hand out which highlighted the following:

Public Health Reform Update

(1) Reports commissioned by the Province since 1990 i.e.: Blood Supply: Kreever, Walkerton: O’Connor, Food Supply: Haines, SARS: Naylor, Walker, Campbell, and H5N1 Pandemic Plans
(2) 5 main streams of “Operation Health Protection”
   (aa) Create Health Protection & Promotion Agency
   (bb) Local Public Health Capacity Review
   (cc) Infection Control and Communicable Disease Capacity
   (dd) Health Emergency Management
   (ee) Infrastructure for Health System Preparedness
(3) Next steps – changes to the legislation
(4) Mandatory Program Review
(6) Outstanding Issues and Gaps

On a motion (Ferguson/Pasuta) the Board received the presentation.

(d) Enhancements to Food Safety Program BOH07006 (City Wide)(Item 8.1)

The Board discussed this report and the issue of whether the Province should take the lead with respect to food handler certification.

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The Board approved the staff recommendations on the following votes:

**Yeas:** Eisenberger, Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Ferguson, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, Merulla, Mitchell, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers and Whitehead

**Total:** 14

**Nays:** Clark

**Total:** 1

**Absent:** Morelli

(e) **GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Eisenberger requested volunteers to form a team to participate in the Phoenix Women’s Shelter Triathlon scheduled July 21, 2007.

(f) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

12.1 Implications of an Arbitration Award respecting payment of overtime for the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Public Health Unit PH06019(a)/HUR06008(a) (City Wide)

On a motion (McCarthy/Powers) the Committee moved in Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to labour negotiations

On a motion (Powers/Pearson) the Committee reconvened in Open Session and approved the staff recommendation which is Item 8 of this Report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
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