



**BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 11-010
9:30 a.m.
November 28, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Councillor M. Pearson - Vice Chair
Councillors C. Collins, J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie,
S. Merulla, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Absent: Mayor B. Bratina – City Business
Councillor B. Clark – Vacation
Councillor S. Duvall – Vacation
Councillor L. Ferguson – Vacation
Councillor B. Johnson – City Business
Councillor J. Partridge – Vacation

Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. N. Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director; S. Brown, Healthy Living Division
R. Hall, Director; E. Mathews, Health Protection Branch
G. McArthur, Director; Clinical and Preventative Services
D. Sheehan, Director; Family Health Division
T. Bendo, Director; Planning and Business Improvement
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

**THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 11-010 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. 2011 Accreditation Annual Review Results and 2010-2013 Work Plan Update (BOH08027(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

That Report BOH08027(d) respecting 2011 Accreditation Annual Review Results and 2010-2013 Work Plan Update, be received.

2. Healthy Babies Healthy Children - Family Home Visitor Contract Renewal (BOH11041) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That the Medical Officer of Health be given the authority to negotiate and execute the transfer agency agreement with Wesley Urban Ministries as sole provider of the Family Home Visitor component of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program.

3. Health Information Technology Project (BOH11039) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That Report BOH11039 respecting the Health Information Technology Project, be received.

4. Public Health Services Strategic Business Plan (formerly known as Public Health Services Management Team Work Plan) (BOH11016(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That Report BOH11016 respecting the Public Health Services Strategic Business Plan, be received.

5. Feasibility of Implementing a Model Program for Nutritious Food (BOH11028) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That Report BOH11028/CS11082 respecting a one-year pilot farmer's market gift certificate program to increase the purchase of local vegetables and fruit amount single Ontario Works recipients, be received;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back on options for funding not limited to the subsequent deliberations on the Social Services Initiative Fund at the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

6. Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Policy Change Affecting Universal Postpartum Program (BOH11040) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to provide a reduced level of service to low-risk postpartum women using a blended model of shared resources from the 100% Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) and cost shared Child Health budgets.

7. Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards Compliance (BOH11003(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

That Report BOH11003(a) respecting the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards Compliance, be received.

8. Public Health Services 2011 Public Beach Sampling Summary Report (BOH11042) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

That Report BOH11042 respecting the Public Health Services 2011 Public Beach Sampling Summary Report, be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

4.2 Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch, respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food

4.3 Margaret Harris representing the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food

The agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) October 24, 2011 (Item 3.1)

The minutes from the October 24, 2011 Board of Health Meeting were approved.

(c) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)

- (i) Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits, respecting a proposal for a food supplement for individuals receiving Ontario Works (Item 4.1)**
- (ii) Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch, respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food (Item 4.2)**
- (iii) Margaret Harris representing the 25 and 5 Network for Poverty Reduction respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food (Item 4.3)**

The delegation requests by Elizabeth McGuire, Maureen Leyland and Margaret Harris respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food, were approved and the rules of order were suspended to allow the delegates to speak at today's meeting.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Feasibility of Implementing a Model Program for Nutritious Food (BOH11028) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

Dr. Richardson provided a brief overview of the report. Public Health staff was requested to look at increasing healthy food consumption among those in the at-risk category.

The Board asked questions of staff. The discussion included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The Board expressed concerns with the limited access (both geographically and seasonally) to farmers markets in the City and the logistics involved in implementing a program of this nature.
- There was some concern with respect to the number of newly proposed programs and the potential funding sustainability.
- The Board felt that the proposal was worthy of further consideration but felt that more information was needed before a final decision.

Recommendation (b) of Report BOH11028 respecting Feasibility of Implementing a Model Program for Nutritious Food was amended by adding "not limited to" after the word "funding"

- (a) **Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits, respecting a proposal for a food supplement for individuals receiving Ontario Works (Item 8.1.1)**

Ms. Elizabeth McGuire was unable to attend today's meeting, in her place Mr. Dan Goold presented on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits. His comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Ontario Works benefits have not kept in line with inflation
- A \$40/month gift certificate would better to assist those in the at risk category
- Gift certificates should be usable at grocery stores and not limited to farmers markets

The delegation by Dan Goold representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare & Disability Benefits, respecting a proposal for a food supplement for individuals receiving Ontario Works was received.

- (b) **Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch, respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food (Item 8.1.2)**

Ms. Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ont. Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch spoke to the Board. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Nutritious diet is a basic requirement for health
- A \$40/month gift certificate would better to assist those in the at risk category
- Gift certificates should be usable at grocery stores and not limited to farmers markets

The delegation by Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ont. Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch, respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food was received.

(c) Margaret Harris representing the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food (Item 8.1.3)

Ms. Margaret Harris representing the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction spoke to the Board. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Agrees with the assessment that single unattached individuals are at the most risk
- Believes that the program is a step in the right direction
- Requests that Council approve the recommendation

The delegation by Margaret Harris representing the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction respecting the feasibility of implementing a model program for nutritious food was received.

(ii) Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Policy Change Affecting Universal Postpartum Program (BOH11040) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

The Motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: Collins, Farr, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Powers, Pasuta, Pearson, Whitehead,

Total: 9

Nays: Morelli

Total: 1

Absent: Bratina, Clark, Duvall, Ferguson, Johnson, Partridge

Total: 6

(iii) Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards Compliance (BOH11003(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

Dr. Richardson indicated that four times a year, there will be speakers brought to the Board in 2012 to fulfil the education component of the Board's mandate.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List Amendments

The following item was removed from the outstanding business list: Item "C" "The MOH to report back to the BOH re: the progress made regarding the City's request that key stakeholders and the LHINS work together in identifying the optimal model for Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology services"

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

The Board of Health adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Vice Chair
Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
November 28, 2011