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Mr. Bob Bratina
Chair
City of Hamilton Board of Health
Hamilton City Hall
2nd Floor - 71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

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Dear Mr. Bratina: *Bob*

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide City of Hamilton Board of Health new base funding of up to \$116,699 to support the implementation of the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) initiative, including the creation of a new position with responsibilities for nursing quality assurance and nursing practice leadership. This investment is part of the 9,000 Nurses Commitment, a key component of the province's health human resources strategy, HealthForceOntario. The funding of up to \$29,175 will be provided this calendar year covering the period from October to December 2011. Funding will be annualized up to \$116,699 in the 2012 funding year.

The establishment of CNOs in public health units will enhance public health nursing practice, professional development, and quality assurance for public health programs and services delivered by public health nurses. Public Health CNOs will provide public health nursing leadership and oversee practice development activities to strengthen the public health nursing workforce which in turn, will contribute to positive health outcomes for individuals, groups and populations in communities across Ontario.

Where a CNO is already in place, health units will be able to use these new funds to support a Nursing Practice Leader position.

Roselle Martino, Executive Director (A), Public Health Division will write to Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, City of Hamilton, Public Health Services shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to protecting and promoting the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Deb Matthews
Minister

- c: Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale
- Gerry Martiniuk, MPP, Cambridge
- Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre
- Hon. Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
- Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
- Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, City of Hamilton, Public Health Services
- Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Roselle Martino, Executive Director (A), Public Health Division

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