

Healthy Babies Healthy Children Funding

A motion adopted at the 2001 OPHA Annual General Meeting

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WHEREAS the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program is a prevention/early intervention initiative, “designed to ensure that all Ontario families with children (prenatal to age six) who are at risk of physical, cognitive, communicative, and/or psychosocial problems have access to effective, consistent, early intervention services”, and,

WHEREAS the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program is a mandatory program for all Boards of Health; and,

WHEREAS the province committed in 1997 to funding the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program at 100%; and,

WHEREAS collective agreement settlements, travel costs, pay increments and accommodation costs have increased the costs of a program, the management and administration costs of which are already “subsidized” by the cost-shared budget for provincially mandated programs; and,

WHEREAS the Early Years and Healthy Child Development Branch has advised many Boards of Health across the province that they cannot accept a 2001 budget that is “not within the Board of Health’s annual grant allocation” (based on the 2000-funding grant allocation); and

WHEREAS alignment with the 2000-funding grant allocation will require reducing services and reducing the Healthy Babies Healthy Children staff complement; and

WHEREAS alignment with the 2000-funding grant allocation will require ceasing the development of all new Healthy Babies Healthy Children program components,

THEREFORE I would like to move that the OPHA Board of Directors advocates to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Minister of Community and Social Services to fully fund all program costs related to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program, including all staff, operating and administrative costs;

AND FURTHERMORE that OPHA Board of Directors seeks the support of all its constituent societies, Ontario Boards of Health, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), Registered Nursing Association of Ontario (RNAO), and the Public Health Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in this matter.

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