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The Honourable Laurel Broten
Minister of Children and Youth Services
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley St. W.
Toronto, ON M5S 2S3

Dear Minister:

Re: Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Funding

At its meeting on May 20, 2010, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #21-10:

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Board of Health's motion #89-04 advocated to the Minister of Children and Youth Services to fully fund all program costs related to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program, including all staffing, operating and administrative costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sudbury & District Board of Health endorses the Simcoe Muskoka Board of Health's correspondence to the Minister of Children and Youth Services advocating for adequate funding of the Health Babies Healthy Children Program.

The Simcoe Muskoka Board of Health's correspondence as well as the Sudbury & District Board of Health's motion #89-04 are enclosed for your reference.

Your sincerely,

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

Encls.

c.: The Honorable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
The Honorable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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Honourable Laurel Broten
Minister of Children and Youth Services
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley St. W.
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Dear Minister Broten:

On behalf of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Board of Health I am writing to express our concern regarding the serious impact that insufficient funding of the SMDHU's Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program is having on the provision of service delivery. This is a 100 per cent funded Ministry of Children and Youth Services Program that is also mandated within the Ontario Public Health Standards. We urge you to provide adequate funding of the HBHC Program to promote both the universal and targeted aspects of this program.

The HBHC Program is delivered through health units across Ontario in order to promote the optimal development of all children (prenatal to age 6 years). It is a prevention and early intervention program based on the understanding that early childhood experiences have long-term impacts on the physical and mental health of individuals. The SMDHU's HBHC Program provides service delivery throughout a geographical area of 8,731 square kilometers.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services 2009 budget allocation to the SMDHU was \$2,419,133, which reflected a zero percent increase to base budget from 2008 funding levels. These funding shortfalls continue to undermine the capacity of the HBHC program to meet the goals of the program and deliver services adequately. The service planning schedule achievements continue to be impacted and program standard performance targets will continue to not be met. Unfortunately, communications with Ministry of Children and Youth Services consultants has not brought about any relief and other health units in the province are also challenged by service demands and insufficient budget allocations.

It is critical that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services recognizes the costs associated with delivering the HBHC Program on an annual basis. Both salary and operating costs have continued to escalate over time without respective increases to base budget. Non-allowable expenditures such as administration costs including payroll, purchasing, human resource personnel, general reception and office space also continue to rise. Negligible increases to base budget allocations over the past several years by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services has resulted in significant impacts on SMDHU's HBHC Program, including the following: reduced services to children and families overall, waitlists for families in high-risk situations (such as those with mental health concerns, intimate partner violence, isolation, financial/food shortages, parenting concerns/stressors, physical health challenges and young single parents), the elimination of weekend coverage for postpartum telephone calls, the gapping or elimination of public health nurse and family home visitor positions, minimal spending on resources, supplies and staff development, and increased staff workload

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HBHC is an innovative and effective health promotion, early intervention program for prenatal and postpartum woman, infants, children and their families in Ontario. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is proud to provide such an important service to enhance the growth and development of all children universally and at high risk for developmental challenges. With this in mind, our Board of Health urges the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to critically review and revise the funding formula to adequately reflect the actual costs associated with delivering the HBHC Program. It is hoped that you will provide sufficient funds that will facilitate achievement of the goals and objectives of the HBHC Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Dennis Roughley
Chair, Board of Health

DR:CS:mk

Copies to:

Hon. Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Ms. Aileen Carroll, MPP, Barrie
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The Honourable Marie Bountrogianni
Minister of Children and Youth Services
56 Wellesley Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 2S3

Dear Dr. Bountrogianni:

Re: Appropriate funding of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2004, the Sudbury & District Board of Health passed the following motion #89-04, and is seeking your attention to this important matter:

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 Boards of Health; and

WHEREAS in 1997 the province committed 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 alignment with the 2004-funding grant allocation will result in waiting lists and reduced services for high-risk families;

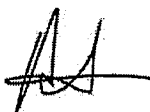
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sudbury & District Board of Health support the Thunder Bay District Board of Health and Region of Peel motions and advocate to the Minister of Children and Youth Services to fully fund all program costs related to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program, including all staffing, operating and administrative costs; and

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and Ontario Boards of Health.

The Sudbury & District Board of Health has previously expressed their concern surrounding the shortfalls in Healthy Babies Healthy Children funding and, as a result, passed a resolution at its May 23, 2001 meeting requesting that the Ministry's commitment be operationalized by adequately funding this program.

Thank you for your attention to this increasingly critical issue.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister of Health Promotion
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Minister:

Re: Artificial Tanning

At its meeting on May 20, 2010, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #22-10:

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Board of Health's motion #63-05 sought the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's support for the development of provincial legislation that upholds WHO recommendations for artificial tanning and requires regulation of the artificial tanning industry;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sudbury & District Board of Health endorses the motions from Porcupine and North Bay Parry Sound District Boards of Health encouraging the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning.

The Porcupine and North Bay Parry Sound District Boards of Health's correspondence as well as the Sudbury & District Board of Health's motion #63-05 are enclosed for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

Encls.

c.: The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services
The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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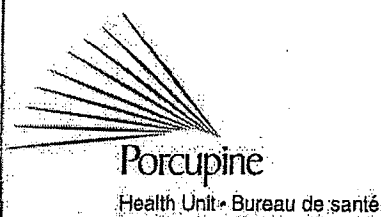
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ATTENTION: ONTARIO BOARDS OF HEALTH

At its meeting held March 26, 2010, the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit considered the issue of the harmful effects of artificial tanning, in particular youth who are most susceptible to the damaging effects of UV radiation and who are often targeted by the industry to use their product. The Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit resolved as follows:

THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit support the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning; and

THAT the Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit write to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing their support for these measures and her stand on this issue; and

THAT this recommendation be forwarded to local members of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health.

We thank you for your consideration of this important public health matter and encourage you to support the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action to enact legislation that will ban access to tanning equipment for children under 18 years of age.

Yours very truly,

Gary W. Scipnick
Gary Scipnick, Chair
Board of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit

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May 10, 2010

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The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister – Minister's Office
Ministry of Health Promotion
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Minister Best:

Subject: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and In Particular for Youth Who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation

At its April 28, 2010 regular meeting, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit passed the following resolution:

Resolution #BOH/2010/04/05

Whereas, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Ontario, accounting for one-third of all new cancer diagnoses, and

Whereas, Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is globally recognized as being carcinogenic and the relationship to skin cancer is well documented, and

Whereas, World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer rates tanning beds in the highest cancer risk category - group 1 - 'carcinogenic to humans', and

Whereas, Melanoma, the least common but most serious type of skin cancer, is increasing significantly in incidence and is the second most common form of cancer in people in Ontario between the ages of 15-34, and

Whereas, There is strong evidence that exposure from artificial tanning equipment increases the risk of melanoma, especially when exposure is started during childhood and adolescence,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit write a letter to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing support for the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning, and

Letter To: The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
Subject: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and In Particular for Youth Who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation
Date: May 10, 2010

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health endorse the "No Tan Is Worth Dying For!" campaign that supports the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action and urges the Government of Ontario to enact legislation that bans the use of artificial tanning equipment by youth under the age of 18, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, members of federal and provincial government representing our service area, and to Ontario Boards of Health for their information and possible support.

We thank you for your involvement with this important issue and look forward to the Government of Ontario supporting the Canadian Cancer Society's call to action, which includes enacting legislation that bans the use of artificial tanning equipment by youth under the age of 18.

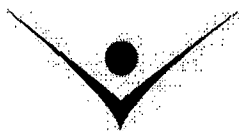
Yours sincerely,



Mac Bain, Chairperson
Board of Health

Copied to:

- 1) The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2) The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services
- 3) The Honourable Tony Clement, M.P. (Parry Sound-Muskoka)
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The Honourable George Smitherman
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
80 Grosvenor Street
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister:

Re: Artificial Tanning

Please be advised that at its September 22, 2005 meeting, the Sudbury & District Board of Health reviewed the Niagara Regional Board of Health motion as well as the World Health Organization recommendations on the above-noted matter and passed the following motion (#64-05):

WHEREAS there has been increasing emphasis on the use of artificial tanning equipment in many western countries, the use of which exposes the skin to ultraviolet radiation which is known to be a human carcinogen; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that artificial tanning equipment not be used for cosmetic purposes and that therapeutic use of artificial tanning equipment only be used under medical supervision, and that no person under the age of 18 use artificial tanning equipment; and

WHEREAS key priorities for the Canadian Cancer Society and Cancer Care Ontario are the reduction of ultraviolet exposure in young adults (under 35 years old) and specifically targeting a 75% reduction in the number of young adults using tanning equipment by 2020; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) require boards of health to educate and to promote policies, which reduce the risk of skin cancers by increasing the proportion of the population of all ages who limit sun exposure, use protective clothing and sunscreens when exposed to sunlight and avoid artificial sources of ultraviolet light (e.g. tanning beds, sun lamps/lights) but does not require enforcement to ensure that the artificial tanning industry is meeting regulatory requirements,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health ask that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care support the development of provincial legislation that upholds WHO recommendations for artificial tanning and requires regulation of the artificial tanning industry.

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Re: Artificial Tanning
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Thank you for your attention to this important health matter.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Dr. S. Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
Ontario Boards of Health