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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator, Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Medical Officer of Health
Commissioner, Social Services Department

SUBJECT/OBJET **REQUEST FOR A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PROJECT
GRANTS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That Community Services Committee appoint a representative to the “Project Grants for Health and Social Services” Allocation Committee that reviews the 1998 requests for grants.

BACKGROUND

The Health Grants program was created in 1993 to support new and short-term health promotion projects and/or innovative health strategies. Since 1991, the Social Services Department assumed responsibility for the allocation of one-time grants which support creative, time-limited initiatives to deal with the social issues of people on low-income.

In December 1994, representatives of the RMOC Health and Social Services Departments met with United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton and the Ottawa-Carleton Regional District Health Council to develop ways of simplifying the annual granting processes of the four agencies. The purpose of this collaboration was to design a streamlined, joint process that would make more sense to both the funders and the community; be easy to understand; take less time; be credible and fair; and ensure a co-ordinated approach to funding in the community. Within this collaborative approach, the separate mandate, priorities and identity of each funder has been maintained.

One key area of collaboration is the Allocation Committee which is responsible for reviewing and allocating annual grants. In 1996, the Ottawa-Carleton Regional District Health Council had to terminate their involvement since the Ministry of Health discontinued funding for their Health Promotion grants.

Priorities for Health and Social Services Grants

On May 15, 1997, the Community Services Committee approved the following areas as Health Grants priorities for the 1998 Project Grants Process:

Health Grants Priorities:

- Strategies that improve health by reducing risk-taking behaviour among young people; and
- Women's Health Promotion.

On June 5, 1997 the Community Services Committee approved the following areas as Social Services Grants Priorities for the 1998 Project Grants Process:

Social Services Grants Priorities:

- Initiatives which impact positively on reducing poverty and its effects;
- Initiatives which reduce homelessness or provide services to people who are homeless; and
- Services to ethnic and racial minorities and aboriginal groups.

DISCUSSION

Requirement for a Community Services Committee representative on the allocation committee:

The Project Grants Allocation Committee is comprised of representatives of RMOC Community Services Committee, RMOC Health Department, RMOC Social Services Department, United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton, Ottawa-Carleton Regional District Health Council, University of Ottawa - School of Nursing and École de service social, Comité Inter-agences, Ministry and Social Services, Ethnic minority groups, and consumer and volunteer representatives. According to the adopted Terms of Reference, the Community Services Committee must appoint a representative for the 1998 review process. The anticipated time commitment is outlined below.

The submission deadline for the 1998 grants process is October 1, 1997. The Allocation Committee will review the applications during the month of November. The following days have been scheduled for this purpose:

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| Orientation Session: | October 27, 1997 (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) |
| Allocation Review Process: | November 3, 7, 12, 17, 21, 25 & 28 |

The process will start with the review of applications submitted to the RMOC Health Grants program (estimated time required: 2-3 days). This will be followed by the review of applications to United Way/Centraide and RMOC Social Services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is not required for this appointment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There are no financial implications associated with this appointment.

CONCLUSION

The allocation process for project grants from the Health and Social Services Departments is a joint project of the two departments, and United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton. A representative from the Community Services Committee is required for the 1998 grant process.

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