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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Regional Council

FROM/EXP. Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT/OBJET **COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Members of Regional Council of a collaborative project between the Children's Aid Society and the Health Department to offer Public Health Nursing services to identified families on the Children's Aid caseload.

BACKGROUND

During the Fall of 1996, the Children's Aid Society approached the Health Department to hire and pay for the services of one Public Health Nurse to visit high risk families to augment the care currently offered by the Social Worker and the PAR Worker working for the Children's Aid Society. Funding is available to hire one PHN equivalency for a one-year period (1997) to develop and provide an Early Intervention for identified high risk families on the CAS caseload. PHN intervention for the project is based on the best available evidence to prevent problems in high risk families, and its impact on the family and child will be evaluated.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No consultation was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Children's Aid Society has agreed to pay the salary of the Public Health Nurse, as well as some evaluation and training-related costs. Other costs will be covered by existing budgets.

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