

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Community Services Committee confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 June 1996

INQUIRIES

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REGULAR ITEMS

1. MEDICAL DIRECTOR: CARLETON LODGE

- Homes for the Aged Commissioner report dated 21 May 96

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That the Community Services Committee and Council confirm the appointment of Dr. John C. Russell as Medical Director of Carleton Lodge.

2. LONG TERM STRATEGIES FOR EFFICIENCIES IN THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM

- Social Services Commissioner report dated 4 June 96

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That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve that the Social Services Department proceed with the following:

1. A feasibility study to be completed within the next three months on the phasing out of infant group care beginning in 1997.
2. A program by program review to be completed in the next three months to identify opportunities and recommend steps to restructure programs in a more cost effective manner; to review the sustainability of the 2.1% rate reduction and to determine the potential for closure of group child care programs at Christmas and for one week in the summer.
3. The use of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Child Care Contingency fund to undertake within the next three months a cost-benefit analysis of the following:
 - a) developing automated links between child care agencies, MCSS Area Office and Social Services;

- b) **setting up or linking with existing centralized services for payroll, janitorial services, purchasing etc. for individual child care programs;**
 - c) **developing an automated central waiting list for licensed child care programs.**
- 4. **A review of policies related to the provision of subsidized child care for students, for parents looking for work and for parents requiring part time care to be completed by early winter.**
- 5. **A review of the distribution of all subsidized child care spaces including Jobs Ontario spaces in consultation with the child care community to be completed by the end of 1996.**
- 3. **REGIONAL CORPORATE REVIEW - SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOMES FOR THE AGED DEPARTMENTS**

- Committee Co-ordinator report dated 12 June 96

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That the Community Services Committee and Council approve the following recommendations:

Social Services Department

- 1. **The termination of Regional funding in the amount of \$700,000 gross/ \$140,000 net, to six (6) drug and alcohol recovery programs (Gateway House, Harvest House, House of Welcome, James Street Recovery, Salvation Army Anchorage and Sobriety House) to reflect the transfer of responsibility for these programs to the Provincial Ministry of Health;**
- 2. **For the 1997 budget, the elimination of prescription drugs as an item of Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid to reflect Provincial Government policy changes and resulting in a net reduction of \$254,000.**
- 3. **For the 1997 budget, the elimination of the discretionary Back to School Allowance, resulting in a \$125,000 net savings.**

Health Department

- 1. **That the Health Department cease collecting immunization histories prior to school admission, and eliminate booster immunization clinics for a total savings of \$406,000.00.**

2. That the Health Department reduce food handler training for a savings of \$27,000.00.
3. That the Health Department provide third trimester pregnancy classes only on a cost recovery basis for a savings of \$25,000.00.
4. That the Health Department reduce its coordination role for the Regional Interagency Suicide Prevention Program for a savings of \$53,000.

Homes for the Aged Department

That the Community Services Committee and Council receive this report for information.

RESPONSES TO MOTIONS/INQUIRIES

4. **RESPONSE TO CSC MOTION NO. 12: ANONYMOUS TESTING**
- Acting Medical Officer of Health report dated 11 June 96

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That the Community Services Committee receive this report for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

18 July 1996