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# Niagara Region

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**REPORT TO:** Co-Chairs and Members of  
Public Health and Social Services Committee

**SUBJECT:** **2008 Seniors Services Amending Agreements  
Between Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB)  
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Niagara Region  
For Personal Support Worker (PSW) Initiative**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council that the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into a 2008 Amending Agreement for each of the eight long-term care homes with Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) for the receipt of base funding of \$456,057 (annualized) for creating up to 7.7 Personal Support Worker (PSW) positions.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff have received correspondence from the LHIN requesting the execution of a 2008 Amending Agreement (one Amending Agreement attached) for each of the eight long-term care homes operated by Niagara Region's Seniors Services. Seniors Services will receive \$456,057 to apply toward the addition of the applicable PSW FTEs in each home.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Provincial subsidy for these PSW positions will be \$456,057 for the eight long-term care homes. This base funding is to create additional FTEs of PSWs to the level afforded by the funding.

The LHIN requires home operators to commit the entire funding amount to the creation of PSW positions. Operators are not expected to top-up the PSW funding. Any unspent funding will be recovered by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to obtain the necessary Committee and Council approval to authorize the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute eight Amending Agreements with the HNHB LHIN enabling the receipt of \$456,057 for the introduction of a total of up to 7.7 FTEs of PSWs in the eight long-term care homes.

## BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has announced \$23.3 million in annual funding for approximately 873 new and permanent PSW positions in all long-term care homes in Ontario. This base funding must be applied exclusively to creating new PSW hours.

Currently, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the LHIN has existing Service Agreements with each of the Region's long-term care homes. These agreements outline the expectations for resident accommodation, care, services, programs and goods in an effort to ensure that all long-term care homes in Ontario are operated within the applicable legislation, the Ministry's Program Manual and the specifics of the agreement. Report COM 57-2006, dated September 19, 2006, approved the execution of these existing Service Agreements.

## REPORT

Homes will receive additional funding equal to \$1.25 per resident per day, adjusted to the individual home's Case Mix Index (CMI).

Accordingly, the Niagara Region's long-term care homes will receive the following additional base funding to create additional new PSW hours:

	<b>Annualized 2008/2009</b>	<b>Funded FTEs</b>
Deer Park Villa	\$18,933	0.3
Gilmore Lodge	37,668	0.6
Linhaven	117,676	2.0
Meadows of Dorchester	57,816	1.0
Northland Pointe	70,080	1.2
Rapelje Lodge	57,378	1.0
Upper Canada Lodge	38,252	0.6
Woodlands of Sunset	<u>58,254</u>	<u>1.0</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$456,057</u>	<u>7.7</u>

The homes are required each year to report to the Ministry the expenses incurred for this PSW funding initiative. Any unspent funding is subject to reconciliation with the Ministry.

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