



February 23, 2004

The Honourable George Smitherman
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Smitherman:

At a Board of Health meeting for the Grey Bruce Health Unit, held February 20, 2004 the following resolution was passed:

Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (CTFPHC)

Date: February 20, 2004

Moved By: Carl Noble

Resolution # 2004-21

Seconded By: Wally Reif

Whereas, the CTFPHC is the most credible, well established Canadian source of prevention and screening recommendations for both primary and preventive health care practitioners.

Whereas, one of the strategic directions of the new Pan-Canadian Healthy Living Strategy is knowledge development and transfer, the cornerstone of evidence-based decision making. The CTFPHC has shown innovation and leadership in the development and promotion of a systematic approach to reviewing the evidence on interventions, categorizing the levels of evidence available, assigning grades to recommendations in preventive health care, and developing evidence-based practice guidelines.

Whereas, the mandate of the CTFPHC is well aligned with current priorities in disease prevention and the use of the evidence-based approach for setting standards for quality health care. No other Canadian groups or organizations are doing this type of valuable work.

Whereas, there is a need for continuing the work of the Task Force, increasing the frequency of reviews of emerging interventions, expanding the knowledge transfer component of the work, and more effectively disseminating this knowledge to practitioners and partners in prevention to support program development and quality improvement.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Grey Bruce Health Unit urges the Federal Government to reinstate the funding to support the work of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.

Carried.



Your immediate attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Sheela Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ontario Boards of Health