

December 23, 2010



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Dear Dr. Sutcliffe:

Re: Childhood Immunization

On December 17, 2010, at a regular Board of Health meeting for the Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Board considered the attached resolution from Sudbury and District Health Unit; *resolution #55-10, re. Childhood Immunization*, dated November 23, 2010. The following motion was passed:

Motion 2010-105

THAT, the Grey Bruce Board of Health support resolution #55-10 from Sudbury and District Health Unit advocating the Federal Government for a national vaccine registry to collect, analyze, share and report immunization information, particularly in early Childhood.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hazel Lynn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "L".

Hazel Lynn, MD, FCFP, MHSc
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Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Minister:

Re: Childhood Immunization

At its meeting on November 18, 2010, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #55-10:

WHEREAS immunization is one of the most effective public health strategies, saving more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other single health intervention; and

WHEREAS immunization coverage rates are important indicators of health, estimating the proportion of individuals who have completed a recommended immunization series; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) require that Boards of Health undertake activities to reduce or eliminate the burden of vaccine preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS in the absence of mandatory immunization reporting by all health care providers, public health has inaccurate immunization coverage information upon which to base important vaccine preventable disease program decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health advocate to the federal government for a national vaccine registry to collect, analyse (by geographic and socio-demographic variables), share and report immunization information, particularly in early childhood; and

FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to develop legislation, beyond the Day Nurseries Act, that assists public health units in monitoring the vaccine coverage rates of infants, toddlers and preschool children; and

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FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health urge the MOHLTC to develop legislation that requires the reporting of all publicly funded immunizations provided by health care providers; and

THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and all Ontario boards of health.

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue aimed at achieving the best possible immunization coverage for all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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