January 22, 2015

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier and Minister of Agriculture
Room 281
111 Wellesley Street West
Queen’s Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner &
Medical Officer of Health dated January 6, 2015 re:
Continued Oral Health Access (Our File No. P00)

Honourable Premier, please be advised the Health & Social
Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above
matter and at a meeting held on January 21, 2015 Council adopted
the following recommendations of the Committee:

"A) That the correspondence of Eastern Ontario's Medical Officer
of Health be endorsed; and

B) That the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health and Long-
Term Care, Durham MPPs, Interim Chief Medical Officer of
Health, alPHa and all Ontario Boards of Health be so
advised."

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of the correspondence
from Eastern Ontario's Medical Officer of Health.

D. Bowen, AMCT
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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Attach.

c: The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long
Term Care
Joe Dickson, MPP (Ajax/Pickering)

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Ontario Boards of Health
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Cornwall, August 29, 2014

The Honourable Eric Hoskins  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
10th floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto ON M7A 2C4

Dear Hon. Minister Hoskins:

Re: **Continued Oral Health Access to Those Children with Urgent Dental Needs**

At its meeting on August 21, 2014, the Eastern Ontario Board of Health unanimously passed the following motion number 2014-1147:

**WHEREAS** beginning August 2015, it is proposed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that all six dental publicly funded programs be integrated into one common program. This new program, Healthy Smiles Ontario II (HSO II), will only have a family financial means test to determine eligibility; it will no longer consider oral health needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS** with this current understanding and extrapolating to August 2015, 713 children in the Eastern Ontario Region will no longer have access to oral health programs as they will no longer be eligible for the new HSO II program and will not have a needs based program to cover their dental treatment; and

**WHEREAS** with this current understanding and extrapolating to August 2015, 1500 children in the Eastern Ontario Region will no longer have access to oral health preventive services such as fluoride and sealants; and

**WHEREAS** with the current understanding and extrapolating to August 2015, the impact on a child and its family will not only be financial but will also have a severe impact on a child’s health and wellbeing;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the “emergency” program that has been suggested by the Ministry be based on dental needs and be adequately funded to meet the utilization rate of the three current needs based treatment programs. The current level of funding is $21 million ($17 million for CINOT and $4 million for CINOT Expansion); and

That the current levels of funding provided through general programs budgets and Healthy Smiles Ontario budgets, be maintained for Health Units, in order to ensure equitable access to preventive oral health services for all children.

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FURTHERMORE THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to local municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local school boards, local MPPs, the Champlain LHIN, all Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Public Health Agencies (aPHa) in request for their support to urge the provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to take positive action to meet current needs of our population.

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, MD, CM, MPH, FRCP(C)
Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Secretary, Board of Health

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Champlain LHIN
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Association of Public Health Agencies (aPHa)
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