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REPORT TITLE: **APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

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RECOMMENDATION

That Dr. Monica Hau be appointed as Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel Health Unit.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- A replacement Associate Medical Officer of Health has been recruited to backfill Dr. Kathleen Dooling's position while she is on a two year unpaid educational leave with the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) in Atlanta.
- In order to exercise statutory authorities, this physician must be designated as an Associate Medical Officer of Health by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, in accordance with s.64(c), *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The delivery of public health programs requires the services of a variety of professional staff, including registered nurses, physicians, certified public health inspectors, nutritionists, epidemiologists, health promotion specialists, dental health professionals, and others. The current approved complement is 1.0 FTE Medical Officer of Health and 2.6 FTE Associate Medical Officers of Health (AMOHs).

Peel Health has recruited Dr. Monica Hau, a public health physician to replace Dr. Kathleen Dooling while Kathleen is on a two year unpaid educational leave with Epidemic Intelligence Services in Atlanta. Peel Health was fortunate to recruit a well qualified individual to maintain its approved complement.

Dr. Monica Hau received her Bachelor of Health Science and MD from McMaster University and recently completed the requirements for the Fellowship in Community Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (the specialist designation in public health received after a five year training program). Her appointment will be effective on September 8, 2011, for a period of two years.

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Dr. Hau possesses the qualifications and requirements presented by the regulations under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, s.64 (a) and (b). Under s.64(c), the approval of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care is required in order that she may be designated as an Associate Medical Officer of Health and exercise the powers accorded to an AMOH under the *Act*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recruitment of a replacement public health physician has been carried out within the approved 2011 budget and complement.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Dr. Monica Hau be appointed as an Associate Medical Officer of Health, and that the concurrence of the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care be requested.



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