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Directors Note:

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB was approved 100% Provincial funding in the amount of \$46,886 for fiscal year 2009-10 and \$46,886 for the fiscal year 2010-11.

July 3, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB)
Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM)

FROM: Frank Malvaso, Regional Program Manager
Municipal and First Nations Services

RE: Ontario Works Enhanced Employment Services for Vulnerable Persons

We are pleased to announce that time-limited funding has been allocated to the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) for 2009-10 and 2010-11 to provide services for persons on social assistance with no or marginal attachment to the labour market who are also experiencing multiple barriers to employment.

Ontario Works delivery agents are being provided Enhanced Employment Services for Vulnerable Persons (EES) funding to support Ontario Works participants, including ODSP recipients. These enhanced services will be incremental to the range of services provided under Ontario Works Employment Assistance outcome funding to address barriers that vulnerable groups face when attempting to access the labour market.

EES funding will be used to provide enhanced services for social assistance clients who are vulnerable, specifically persons with disabilities including mental health and/or substance abuse issues, at-risk youth (i.e., 16-30 years of age), older workers, Aboriginal persons, newcomers to Canada, persons fleeing domestic violence and homeless persons.

EES funding has been allocated on a fiscal basis as 100% provincial funding and is based on each delivery agent's percentage share of the Ontario Works caseload (2008 monthly average for CMSMs/DSSABs and 2006-07 monthly average for First Nations). As the intent of EES funding is not to duplicate existing employment services, delivery agents will need to demonstrate that EES funding expenditures are over and above their approved EA outcome funding.

EES funding will be administered through the Ontario Works service contract with a discrete expenditure based budget, service data and an amended service plan. Delivery agents will be required to demonstrate through the EES plan how the design of their enhanced employment services meets EES funding parameters.

Attached, please find the following:

- EES Guidelines (including EES planning allocations);
- Questions & Answers;
- Service Description Schedule; and
- Ontario Works Service Plan Template.

Please note that a budget package will be posted at a later date on the Ontario Works Extranet.

Your Program Supervisor will be following up with you in the near future to set up an appointment to go over your plans to implement EES. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your program supervisor.



Attachments 4

cc: Program Supervisor