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Dr. Sheela Basrur
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Dear Dr. Basrur,

I am pleased to send you a copy of the provincial Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) Program Deliverables Report for 2005 and the proposed Work Plan for 2006. The plan was developed in consultation with the PHRED Steering Committee, PHRED staff and several consultants from the Public Health Division as well as with the Ministry of Health Promotion.

In 2005, several PHRED members have had the opportunity to be involved in Public Health Renewal initiatives including participation on: the Agency Implementation Task Force (AITF); the Capacity Review Committee (CRC) Reference Panels; the Research and Knowledge Transfer Subcommittee and the Health Human Resources Subcommittee. In addition, the PHRED Program developed and submitted various documents to support/inform the AITF and CRC including:

- Discussion paper on the Conceptual Renewal of the Public Health Mandate in Ontario: Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines Framework
- Discussion paper on Collaboration Between Primary Health Care and Public Health
- Synthesis of the bibliography on Research and Knowledge Transfer
- Summary of Evidence from EPHPP Systematic Literature Reviews to support current Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines
- Briefing Note on the Importance of Public Health Education for Undergraduate and Graduate Students
- Briefing Note on Teaching, Research and Knowledge Exchange Nodes: Bridges between the Public Health Agency for Ontario and Local Public Health Units





We see this time as a welcomed opportunity to shape a renewed public health system as well as to ensure the functions that the PHRED Program has offered are enhanced in the revitalized structure. As indicated in our 2006 work plan, we are ready to respond to new requests from the Public Health Division. However, we continue to experience challenges in our ability to maintain our current capacity.

The PHRED Operations Committee is most appreciative of the role that Ms. Helen Brown continues to play and are very pleased that Dr. George Pasut will be more directly involved with the PHRED Program. We look forward to your continued advocacy and support of the PHRED Program especially as the Program evolves over the next few years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monique Stewart".

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