



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Report CSSSJSSC10-007
Report Highlights of Social Services Program Statistics-
Q2 2010

PURPOSE

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with a summary of the Social Services Division Program Statistics to the end of Q2 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC10-007 dated September 09, 2010 of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the Social Services Statistical Report be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget and financial implications of receiving this report. Caseload growth continues but at a rate less than had been projected in the 2010 budget.

BACKGROUND

As there was not a Joint Services meeting following the Q1 statistics being available, an information memo had been sent dated July 9, 2010 reporting on service volumes to that point in time. Q1 and Q2 statistics are now available and are provided in the attached Appendix A. The July caseload numbers are also included. Caseload growth over 2010 continues, though the months of June and July saw a slight decrease in both City and County Ontario Works caseloads likely due to seasonal employment opportunities. The overall growth in Ontario Works caseloads to the end of June is 7.8% in the City and 9.2% in the County. ODSP caseloads continue to rise at a slower rate; 2% in the City and 5% in the County.

Other highlights from the statistics report are:

- Peterborough Employment Resource Centre number of visits increased 11% in Q1. They have since decreased by 3% when compared to Q2 YTD 2009. This could be as a result of higher unemployment rates causing fewer people to search for employment.
- Hostel Bed Days decreased 4% overall; YES volume was down, though volume and average length of stay at Cameron House and Brock Mission have increased.
- Wait lists for financial assistance for child care has increased from 100 at the end of 2009 to 272 children at the end of Q2 2010, in part due to the uncertainty of funding of the Best Start Program that has subsequently been received.

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Appendix A Social Services Quarterly Statistical Report-Q2 2010