



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 034-15 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – May be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the April Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to May 7, 2015.

The MOH and members of the Non Union Leadership Team participated in Crucial Conversations Training. This is the second group of staff to receive training that assists staff to handle crucial conversations more effectively. A follow up session will be held in June.

On April 7th the MOH and staff attended a Farewell Celebration for Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services (FHS) and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). Ms. Bewick retired at the end of April after working at the Health Unit for 20 years. She has made an impact not only at the Health Unit but in the community as well. Until a replacement has been hired, Suzanne Vandervoort, Manager Family Health Services and Brenda Marchuk, Public Health Nurse, Family Health Services will fill the Acting Director, FHS and Acting CNO roles respectively.

The MOH, members of the Extended Leadership Team and members of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) participated in a Conversation Café meeting on April 27th as part of the Health Unit's strategic planning process. Staff reviewed the strategic priorities and the strategic objectives for each quadrant of the balanced scorecard in order to determine what actions need to occur to ensure the objectives are met. They gave suggestions for ways to measure the success of the strategic objectives, listed some initiatives and activities that could be used to assist with reaching the objectives, and made note of some potential barriers and or missing assets that could delay or prevent the Health Unit from achieving the objective. The next step is for SPAC to compile all of the information received into a document that will be shared with all staff at Service Area and Team meetings for more brainstorming.

The MOH & CEO also attended the following teleconferences and events:

- April 7 Attended an event at Museum London announcing the new Campaign Chair for the United Way. The MOH will be on the 2015 United Way Cabinet.
 - April 9 Code Red Champion meeting at the United Way Boardroom
 - April 10 Met with Jeff Schlemmer, Director of Legal Aid Ontario & Abe Oudshoorn RN, PhD, Associate Professor at the Labatt Family School of Nursing, UWO, to discuss unlicensed group home regulations
- Participated on a panel at Western's Public Health Family Medicine building in regards to discussing the role of media in public health
- Met with Tom Cull, coordinator of the Thames River Clean Up to discuss needle pick up

- April 15 Attended a Code Red Steering Committee meeting at LHSC
Met with Chef Andrew Fleet, Executive Director of Growing Chefs, to discuss a new project
- April 20 Met with Helene Berman, Professor and Associate Dean at Western University and Jim Weese, Dean at Western University to discuss a potential partnership with the Centre for Research on Health Equity and Social Inclusion
Participated in the interviews of candidates for the Director of Family Health Services position
- April 21 Participated in planning day with the Senior Leadership Team
- April 22 Attended a meeting of the SW LHIN Health System Leadership Council in Stratford.
Participated in a Taste For Life event by hosting at the Zen Vegetarian Garden
- April 23 Attended a YOU Board meeting
Attended the Middlesex Municipal Association Annual General meeting in Glencoe.
Board of Health Chair Ian Peer, Past Chair Marcel Meyer and Board Members Joanne Vanderheyden, Kurtis Smith and Jesse Helmer also attended
- April 28 Attended the spring meeting of South West Medical Officers of Health, Associate Medical Officers of Health & CEOs hosted by Oxford County
Attended the opening of London's first urban garden and roof top terrace at the Richmond St. Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) location
- April 29 Acted as a judge at the TVDSB Mentally Healthy School Poster Contest
- May 1 Attended the retirement celebration for Chief Brad Duncan held at Police Headquarters
- May 4 Hosted a Code Red Champion meeting at the Health Unit
- May 5 As part of Emergency Week events, the MOH had lunch at the Emergency Preparedness BBQ, hosted by the Health Unit, Middlesex County and the Salvation Army. The event was held in the courtyard of the Middlesex County Building.
- May 6 Attended the first meeting of the 2015 United Way Cabinet
Spoke at the awards ceremony for the TVDSB Mentally Healthy School Poster Contest, noting the public health partnership with schools in supporting mental health promotion, as well as introducing fellow judges



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This report addresses Ontario Public Health Organizational Standard 2.9 Reporting relationship of the medical officer of health to the board of health