

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 139-12 re “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – October 11 - November 8, 2012” be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health from October 11 to November 8, 2012. It is divided into activities related to the role of Acting Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer, and the role of Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease & Sexual Services.

Acting Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer

During the above period, considerable time was spent on issues related to the Health Unit’s budget. To assist the public and community partners in understanding the complexities of the Board of Health’s budget, [Questions and Answers to Assist in Understanding the Health Unit’s Budget](#) were produced, in collaboration with Directors Committee and Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications. These were disseminated on October 26 to staff members, community partners and provincial health units via Health Unit list serves, the Health Unit’s web site and Twitter.

On October 29, Mr. Art Zuidema, City Manager, and the Acting Medical Officer of Health had an introductory meeting. This was an opportunity to briefly review the programs and services provided by the Health Unit, as well as the current budget discussions of the Board of Health, and the Terms of Reference for a shared services review. Revised Terms of Reference for a shared services review were received from the City of London and Middlesex County on October 19. Activities related to these Terms of Reference are outlined in Report. No. 133-12.

Other activities related to this role have included:

- **Community and Health Unit Events / Meetings:**
 - **Shine the Light on Woman Abuse:** Attended the media launch on October 12 and the Lighting the Tree, Campaign Kick off on November 1;
 - **Youth Create Healthy Communities:** Provided opening remarks at this workshop for local youth organized by youth in collaboration with the Health Unit on October 16;
 - **Farewell for Mr. Jim Madden:** Attended a farewell reception on October 17 for Mr. Jim Madden, Former Manager, Child Health Team, who has left the Health Unit to take a position as a Regional Evaluation Coordinator for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
 - **Regional HIV/ AIDS Connection:** Monthly meeting on October 17.
 - **Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Accreditation:** Participated in a community focus group as part of the accreditation process for the South West CCAC (October 23);
 - **Children’s Aid Society, Bright Futures Breakfast:** Attended this breakfast on November 1.

- **Web site re-development:** Attended a half-day workshop on writing for the new web site that is under development under the leadership of Mr. Alex Tynl, Online Communications Coordinator (November 1).
- **Organizational Health and Vitality Strategic Action Group:** Chaired this internal committee, consisting of Health Unit Directors, whose work relates to the strategic direction of advancing the Health Unit's organizational culture including leadership, collaboration and communication (October 31).
- **alPHa Fall Symposium "Who's Who in 2012":** Attended on November 7-8 in Mississauga.

Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease & Sexual Health

The Associate Medical Officer of Health provided communications to community providers and Health Unit staff member regarding the temporary suspension and subsequent resumption of use of Novartis influenza vaccines, Flud and Agriflu. As well, assistance was provided to Managers, staff and community health care providers regarding arising communicable disease issues including legionella, pertussis, HIV, vaccination questions, and preparation for the upcoming influenza season. Additional activities included:

- **Meetings** were attended as follows:
 - **Infectious Disease Care Advisory Committee Meeting** (October 11) which provides community input into HIV care in Middlesex-London and surrounding areas;
 - **City Wide Infection Prevention and Control Committee** (October 12) which provides infection control input to London hospitals;
 - **Family Planning physicians meeting** (October 16) with the physicians who provide clinical services at the Health Unit's Birth Control Clinic along with Ms. Shaya Dhinsa, Manager, Sexual Health and Ms. Stacy Manzerolle, Acting Manager, Sexual Health.
 - **Meeting with local physicians and health unit staff** to explore more efficient delivery of medications and vaccines after blood borne and sexual exposures that pose risks for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C (November 2).
- **Presentations** were provided as follows:
 - **Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE)** at the County of Lambton, Community Health Services Department, Infection Prevention and Control Seminar (October 11);
 - **What's New with Flu** presentation at London Health Sciences Centre for Infection Control Week (October 19).
- **Canadian Immunization Conference Planning:** Participated in three teleconferences or telephone meetings (October 15, 17 and 26) related to the upcoming Canadian Immunization Conference (which takes place on December 3-5) as a member of the Organizing Committee.
- **Immunization Advisory Work:** Attended the US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia as the Canadian Liaison for the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) on October 24 and 25.



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