

MINUTES
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH
2011 June 16

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Coderre (Chair)
Mr. Al Edmondson
Dr. Francine Lortie-Monette
Ms. Doreen McLinchey
Mr. Marcel Meyer
Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery (Vice Chair)
Ms. Nancy Poole
Mr. Don Shipway
Mr. Mark Studenny

REGRETS:

Ms. Denise Brown
Mr. Joe Swan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Wally Adams, Acting Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services
Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services
Dr. Stephanie Black, Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology, UWO
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications
Ms. Margaret MacPherson, Facilitator, Neighbours, Friends & Families Program
Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations
Ms. Christine Preece, Manager, Young Adult Team, Family Health Services
Ms. Sherri Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health (Recorder)
Mr. Rick Shantz, Director, Information Technology
Ms. Louise Tyler, Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations
Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health & Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services

MEDIA OUTLETS: none present

Ms. Patricia Coderre, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Coderre advised Board of Health members that the following two items had been placed in front of them: 2010 Health Unit Annual Report and 2011 Board of Health photo.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST

Chair Coderre inquired if there were any disclosures of conflict of interest to be made. None were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Mr. Edmondson *that the revised agenda of June 16, 2011, be approved.* Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Mr. Shipway *that the Minutes of the May 19, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved.* Carried

ACTION REPORTS

1) Report No. 063-11 re Strategic Plan – Ten Year Vision and Three Year Strategic Directions

Chair Coderre thanked Board members for participating in the strategic planning session on May 26, 2011; and she welcomed Ms. Marie Sánchez-Keane, Principal Consultant, Centre for Organizational Effectiveness, who has been facilitating the strategic planning process. Ms. Sánchez-Keane highlighted the outcome of the work completed to date as summarized in Board Report No. 063-11. She advised she will be meeting with

Directors and the Management Team at the end of June to focus on the three year strategic directions and to develop outcomes for each direction.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Studenny *that the Board of Health approve the Strategic Plan – Ten Year Vision and Three Year Strategic Directions presented in Appendix A to Report No. 063-11.* Carried.

3) Report No. 065-11 re Moving Forward to Address Violence Against Women

Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services, introduced Ms. Christine Preece, Manager, Young Adult Team, and Ms. Margaret MacPherson, Facilitator, Neighbours, Friends & Families Program.

Ms. Preece and Ms. MacPherson assisted Board members with their understanding of this report with the use of PowerPoint presentations. The presentations will be filed with the minutes.

Ms. MacPherson advised Board members that the Neighbours, Friends & Families program aims to make a cultural shift by assisting people who become aware or suspect abuse to rather than being a bystander to taking action to prevent violence from continuing or to help the victim. The program is expanding to educate about elder abuse in "It's Not Right – Neighbours, Friends and Families for Older Adults." Ms. MacPherson also advised Board members that the Neighbours, Friends and Families program is active in Women's Shelters in the community.

In response to questions concerning the relationship between violence against women and bullying, Board members were advised that research does show a correlation that young bullies can grow up to be abusers. Research also connects children who witness abuse or are abused are at increased risk of becoming abusers themselves as adults. Dr. Pollett advised Board members that the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) has an anti-bullying task force in place to address & prevent bullying and to encourage mutual respect & healthy relationships. The TVDSB also has a curriculum-based DVD about media literacy and violence prevention that is available to all schools in the Thames Valley system.

Ms. MacPherson advised Board members that the Neighbours, Friends and Families program has provided information about bullying to the City of London's Diversity Task Force.

Chair Coderre thanked Ms. Preece and Ms. MacPherson for their presentations.

It was moved by Ms. Poole, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that the Board of Health endorse the plan presented in Appendix A to Report No. 065-11 to address violence against women prevention strategies with Health Unit staff.* Carried.

2) Report No. 064-11 re 2011 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Budget

Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations, and Ms. Diane Bewick assisted Board members with their consideration of this report. Ms. Bewick explained that the Ministry of Children and Youth has asked the Health Unit to be a Centre of Excellence. Health Unit staff members have been trained as master trainers to travel across the province to train Public Health Nurses in the area of child and youth mental health.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that the Board of Health approve the 2011 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Budget in the amount of \$2,776,356 presented in Appendix A to Report No. 064-11.*

Carried

4) Report No. 066-11 re 50 King Street Air Quality – HVAC Upgrades/Repairs

Dr. Pollett assisted Board members with their consideration of this report. Dr. Pollett explained that because heating/ventilating/air conditioning is a Health and Safety issue, approval of the motions will allow the much needed work to commence over summer.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery:

- 1) *That the Board of Health award the contract for the assessment at 50 King Street of the current Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Engineering Services to Johnson Controls L.P. at a total cost of \$47,368, noting this is a single source purchase; and further*
- 2) *That the Medical Officer of Health be given prior approval to enter into a contract with the lowest cost bidder who meets all required terms, conditions and specifications to an upset limit of \$200,000 for the installation of the required equipment.*

Carried

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that the Board of Health investigate what responsibility the landlord, the County of Middlesex, has under the terms of the lease agreement for covering the capital expenses related to the heating and ventilation system upgrades.* Carried

FOR INFORMATION

5) Report No. 067-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – June

Dr. Pollett and Board Member, Mr. Al Edmondson, provided the following update about the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) conference/Annual General meeting June 12 to 14, 2011:

- Mr. Edmondson was acclaimed to the alPHa Board of Directors from June 2011 to June 2012.
 - During the resolutions session, the first of the two Middlesex London Board of Health alcohol resolutions which called for a comprehensive alcohol strategy for Ontario was approved. The second resolution was withdrawn as changes to the Liquor Licence Act had already been made and the resolution was no longer applicable.
 - The alPHa membership fee increase proposal discussed at the May 19th Board of Health meeting was deferred. The agency plans to market itself better and focus on what it can do in the future.
- Mr. Edmondson reported that more information will be provided by alPHa in the coming months.

Dr. Pollett advised that he is on a Provincial Working Group re implementing the role of Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) in all 36 health units. The CNO position will be similar to the two new full-time Social Determinants of Health nursing positions in that Boards of Health will be required to agree to Ministry defined terms and conditions to receive the funding. He advised that as the Ministry funding process must be started before September 7, 2011, (the date of provincial election writ being issued) the Board may have to meet by teleconference over the summer.

6) Report No. 068-11 re Volunteer Resources

7) Report No. 069-11 re Cell Phone Use and Cancer

8) Report No. 070-11 re E. Coli Outbreak in Europe

9) Report No. 071-11 re Teen Panel: A Pregnancy Prevention Program

10) Report No. 072-11 re Being Positive About Young Mothers

11) Report No. 073-11 re Click for Babies

12) Report No. 074-11 re Expansion of Publicly Funded Immunization Program

13) Report No. 075-11 re Continuing Education for Board of Health Members

14) Report No. 076-11 re Elevator Repair at 50 King Street – Final Costs

15) Report No. 077-11 re Board of Health Performance Assessment

As discussed at the May Board of Health meeting, Board members agreed to complete the Board of Health Performance Assessment tool in March, June and October 2011. The survey for June is available online and as a hard copy. Dr. Pollett reminded Board members that there is space on the Board of Health Performance Assessment tool to include any ideas for continuing education for Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Dr. Lortie Monette *that the above Information Reports listed as items 5 through 15 be received for information.* Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no questions re correspondence.

IN CAMERA - CONFIDENTIAL

At 8:22 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that the Board of Health move in camera for the purpose of considering personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees and that it remain in camera for the purpose of considering a matter concerning labour relations or employee negotiations.* Carried

Mr. John Judson, Health Unit Solicitor, joined the meeting for the in camera session.

At 8:55 p.m. the Board of Health returned to public session and reported that progress had been made on a matter concerning labour relations or employee negotiations.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Studenny

1. *That the Board of Health endorse the reappointment for an additional two year term, of provincial appointee, Dr. Francine Lortie-Monette, whose current appointment expires February 2, 2012; and further*
2. *That the Board of Health endorse the reappointment for an additional two year term, of provincial appointee, Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery, whose current appointment expires February 29, 2012; and further*
3. *That a letter endorsing these reappointments be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.*

Carried

Dr. Pollett advised Board Members that Mr. Jim Reffle, Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services, has submitted his resignation from the Health Unit. He has accepted the position of Manager, Environmental Health, with Elgin St. Thomas Public Health.

It was moved by Ms. Poole, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the Board of Health express its appreciation for the expertise and dedication that Mr. Reffle has provided through his employment with the Health Unit for the past 28 years.* Carried

The Board of Health members directed Dr. Pollett to request a meeting with Mr. Bill Rayburn, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Middlesex, to discuss the County's rationale for not supporting the generator project for the 50 King Street site and report back at the September Board of Health meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Lortie-Monette, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the Board of Health recess over the months of July and August unless a meeting is required at the call of the Chair.*

Next Board of Health Meeting – Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Studenny *that the meeting be adjourned.* Carried

PATRICIA CODERRE
Chair

GRAHAM L. POLLETT
Secretary-Treasurer