

MINUTES  
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH  
2011 September 15

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**REGRETS:**

Mr. Al Edmondson  
Mr. Mark Studenny

**ABSENT:** Mr. Joe Swan

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Wally Adams, Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services  
Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services  
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications  
Ms. Brenda Marchuk, Community Nursing Specialist  
Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations  
Ms. Sherri Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health (Recorder)  
Mr. Rick Shantz, Director, Information Technology  
Dr. Shalini Sharma, Resident, PGY-I Family Medicine, UWO  
Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control Team  
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:**

Mr. Chip Martin, London Free Press  
Mr. Jake Jeffrey, 106.9 XFM

Ms. Patricia Coderre, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Coderre welcomed Mr. Wally Adams in his new position of Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services.

Chair Coderre drew the Board members' attention to the information before them, including information about the fee increase for the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), the memo re Public Health Architecture Transition Update, and information about the 2011 alPHA Fall Symposium re Understanding the Role of Public Health Laboratories scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. When available, details will be forwarded to Board members about "virtual" participation in Day 1 of the Fall Symposium.

**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 Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Meyer *that the Agenda for the September 15, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved.* Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the Minutes of the June 16, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved.* Carried

## **REPORTS**

### **1) Report No. 079-11 re 2010 Auditor's Reports and Financial Statements**

Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations, introduced Mr. David Arnold, Senior Manager, KPMG LLP. Mr. Millson distributed the document entitled, Audit Findings Report to the Board, and Mr. Arnold assisted Board members with their understanding of the report. Mr. Arnold explained that this report is in compliance with the recently revised auditing standards.

Mr. Millson reviewed the statements of financial position for the periods ending December 31, 2010, and March 31, 2011.

A question was posed about the increase in Other Income from 2009 to 2010 on page 1.7 of the Board of Health Package. Mr. Millson explained that 2010 had more externally funded projects than 2009, e.g., Trillium funding for Mother Reach. Mr. Millson also explained that the \$2 million difference in Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding between 2009 and 2010 was owing to the H1N1 immunization program.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that the Board of Health accept the audited 2010 & 2011 Financial Statements as appended to Report No. 079-11 for the following programs:*

- i) Middlesex-London Health Unit, December 31<sup>st</sup> (2010) Consolidated Programs
- ii) Middlesex-London Health Unit, March 31<sup>st</sup> (2011) Consolidated Programs

Carried

### **6) Report No. 084-11 re Health Unit Action on Poverty: Environmental Scan 2011 Report**

Chair Coderre introduced Ms. Brenda Marchuk, Community Nursing Specialist, to assist the Board members with their understanding of this report. A copy of Ms. Marchuk's PowerPoint presentation is filed with the minutes.

Ms. Marchuk explained that the report is based on current staff complement; however, the Senior Management team is working on developing measurable objectives as part of the 10 year vision and 3 year strategic directions which include future staffing needs.

Board members asked for regular updates about the implementation of programs and services to assist those living in poverty.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Poole *that Report No. 084-11 re Health Unit Action on Poverty: Environmental Scan 2011 Report be received for information.* Carried.

### **4) Report No. 082-11 re 2010-11 Influenza Season in Middlesex-London**

Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health & Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services, assisted Board members with their understanding of this report. Dr. Warshawsky reported that the number of hospitalizations, deaths and long-term care outbreaks attributed to influenza in 2010-11 were higher than with H1N1 in 2009. In a given year, more than one strain of influenza is circulating in the population. Therefore, Dr. Warshawsky explained one reason for the higher rates was that one of the strains circulating in 2010-11 affected the elderly more.

It was highlighted that only 36% of staff working at hospitals and 57% of staff working in long-term care facilities received the influenza vaccine in 2010-11. A focus for 2011-12 will be to increase the vaccination rate, especially amongst health care providers. Clinics will be promoted more and commence in late October. More information about the upcoming influenza clinics will be provided at the October 20, 2011, Board of Health meeting.

It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that Report No. 082-11 re 2010-11 Influenza Season in Middlesex-London be forwarded to Middlesex London hospitals, long-term care facilities and family physicians.* Carried.

Dr. Warshawsky also reported that in the fall, human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) begin to be seen. As of September 15, 2011, 14 human cases of WNV had been detected in Ontario. London has had one human case. Dr. Warshawsky reported that precautions must be taken until the first hard frost kills mosquito larvae.

### **2) Report No. 080-11 re 2011 Ministry Funding & Terms and Conditions**

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, assisted Board members with their understanding of this report. Board members noted the document was heavily one-sided in favour of the province.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Poole, seconded by Ms. Brown *that the Board of Health accept the terms and conditions of the provincial government Public Health Accountability Agreement attached as Appendix A to Report No. 080-11.* Carried.

### **3) Report No. 081-11 re Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Spaces Position Statement**

Dr. Pollett introduced Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control Team. Ms. Stobo assisted Board Members with their understanding of this report. Ms. Stobo explained that the provincial Tobacco Control Act prohibits smoking within 9 metres of certain public institutions such as hospitals. However, the Act does not apply to all buildings or spaces; therefore, individual municipal bylaws or company policies must be created to address these situations. Ms. Stobo reinforced the negative impacts of second-hand smoke, even in an outdoor setting. In response to a question concerning contraband cigarettes, Ms. Stobo explained that several pieces of provincial and federal legislation apply depending on the situation. Ms. Stobo also reported that teens and young adults are targets of alternative products, such as sheesha, which also have negative impacts on health.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Brown:

1. *That the Board of Health endorse the Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Spaces Position Statement attached as Appendix A to Report No. 081-11; and further*
2. *That the Board of Health direct staff to prepare a report summarizing existing municipal bylaw amendment options for establishing smoke-free outdoor public spaces.*

Carried

5) Report No. 083-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – September

Dr. Pollett reported on a power outage that affected buildings at 50 King St., 399 Ridout St., the Federal Building and the Bell building. As staff members were told the disruption would take two to four hours to fix, arrangements were made to transport vaccines to hospital refrigerators. Fortunately, the power was restored and the relocation of vaccine was not needed.

Dr. Pollett also reported that due to development proposals for the property at 50 King St. and surrounding area and set back limits for the size of a generator that would be required, the County of Middlesex has decided not to proceed with installation of a generator at 50 King St.

Board of Health members requested that the topic of Lyme Disease be discussed at a future Board of Health meeting. Members requested that Ms. Christine Heffer, a Corunna, Ontario resident, who has contracted Lyme Disease, be invited to present to the Board of Health at that time.

Dr. Pollett reported that the 2012 budget proposal will be presented at the October Board of Health meeting. It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Mr. Shipway *that Report No. 083-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – September be received for information.* Carried

7) Report No. 085-11 re Parkhill Mosquito Control Program

Board members, Ms. Doreen McLinchey (Councillor for Municipality of North Middlesex) and Mr. Don Shipway (Mayor of North Middlesex), commended Dr. Pollett and Health Unit staff members for their assistance with the mosquito control issue in Parkhill. Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications, assisted with the setup of a web page and preparation of media releases to provide residents with up-to-date information. The Municipality of North Middlesex and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority will be discussing funding to deal with prevention measures aimed at long term mosquito control.

It was moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Meyer *that Report No. 085-11 re Parkhill Mosquito Control Program be received for information.* Carried.

8) Report No. 086-11 re Validation of Healthy Babies Healthy Children Screen: Participation in a Provincial Initiative

9) Report No. 087-11 re 2011 Budget – Second Quarter Review

10) Report No. 088-11 re Board of Health Performance Assessment: June Survey

It was moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that the above Information Reports listed as items 8 through 10 be received for information.* Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no questions re correspondence.

**IN CAMERA - CONFIDENTIAL**

At 8:35 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Lortie-Monette, seconded by Mr. Shipway *that the Board of Health move in camera for the purpose of considering personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees.* Carried.

At 8:50 p.m. the Board of Health returned to public session and reported that progress had been made on a personal matter concerning an identifiable individual, including Board employees.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Ms. Brown:

1. *That the Board of Health endorse the reappointment for an additional two year term, of provincial appointee, Mr. Mark Studenny, whose current appointment expires April 10, 2012; and further*
2. *That a letter endorsing this reappointment be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.*

Carried

Dr. Pollett reported on a meeting with Mr. Bill Rayburn, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Middlesex, re Upgrades to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at 50 King Street. Dr. Pollett explained that according to the lease, any capital expense initiated by the tenant is the responsibility of the tenant. Therefore, the Health Unit will be required to pay the full cost of the upgrades to the HVAC system (as budgeted and approved at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting). Dr. Pollett was assured that this situation would be viewed as a single incident and that no precedent would be set for future capital expenses.

Next Board of Health Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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PATRICIA L. CODERRE  
Chair

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GRAHAM L. POLLETT  
Secretary-Treasurer