



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
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APRIL 2013 BOARD OF HEALTH SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board complete the Board Self-Assessment as outlined in Report No. 052-13 re April 2013 Board of Health Self-Assessment Survey.

Key Points

- The Board Self-Assessment must be completed according to the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards. The Board has agreed to complete this survey twice a year.
- It is recommended that the Board complete the survey in April 2013 and receive an anonymized public summary report of the findings in June 2013.

The Board Self-Assessment Survey process was approved by the Board of Health in March 2012 (see [Report No. 040-12](#)) to fulfill a requirement of the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards that states a self-evaluation process of governance practices and outcomes is implemented at least every other year.

The survey is attached as [Appendix A](#) and is also available online. The link to the survey will be emailed to Board Members following the April 18th meeting. Board members are asked to complete the online survey or submit a completed paper copy of the survey by April 30, 2013. Completed hard copies can be left in a sealed envelope with the Executive Assistant to the Board of Health, Ms. Sherri Sanders, at the April 18th Board of Health meeting or mailed directly to Ms. Sanders at 50 King St., London, ON, N6A 5L7 by April 30, 2013.

Responses to the survey will be summarized and presented at the June 2013 meeting.

Please Note:

1. The scale for the survey ranges from Strongly Disagree on the left to Strongly Agree on the right.
2. Pages 7 & 8 of the survey, Performance of Individual Board Members, are for personal use only and are not to be submitted.

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This report addresses the following requirement(s) of the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standard 4.3:

The board of health shall have a self-evaluation process of its governance practices and outcomes that is implemented at least every other year and results in recommendations for improvements in board effectiveness and engagement. This may be supplemented by evaluation by key partners and/or stakeholders. The self-evaluation process shall include consideration of whether:

1. Decision-making is based on access to appropriate information with sufficient time for deliberations;
2. Compliance with all federal and provincial regulatory requirements is achieved;
3. Any material notice of wrongdoing or irregularities is responded to in a timely manner;
4. Reporting systems provide the board with information that is timely and complete;
5. Members remain abreast of major developments in governance and public health best practices, including emerging practices among peers; and
6. The board as a governing body is achieving its strategic outcomes.