



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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**ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT –
MARCH 18 TO APRIL 10, 2013**

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 058 -13 re “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report - March 18 to April 10, 2013” be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health from March 18 to April 10, 2013, inclusive. It is divided into activities related to the role of Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, and activities related to the role of the Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services.

Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

In the past month, work continues on the review of administrative functions (including the possibility of shared services) being conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Work is on schedule to provide an interim report to the Board of Health on May 9, 2013.

On March 20, the second part of the orientation was provided by the Directors for new Board members Ms. Trish Fulton and Ms. Sandy White. Mr. Stephen Orser was unable to attend this session.

Other activities related to this role have included attending the following community and Health Unit events / meetings:

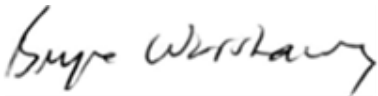
- **Organizational Health and Vitality Strategic Achievement Group** – Attended two sessions with the Directors to discuss organizational culture (March 20 and April 10);
- **Charlene E. Beynon Award** – Attended the presentation of the Charlene E. Beynon Award (March 25); This award is presented annually by Ms. Charlene Beynon, Former Director Research, Evaluation, Education and Development (REED) Services and long-time Health Unit employee who retired in May 2011. The award is presented to a staff member who is pursuing studies to advance their expertise and enhance the delivery of public health services, or who has provided exceptional learning experiences for undergraduate or graduate students to advance their understanding and practice of public health. This year’s recipient was Ms. Brenda Marchuk, Community Health Nursing Specialist. Brenda is currently enrolled in the Master of Nursing Program at Athabasca University.
- **London Abused Women’s Centre Fun Run/Walk** – Attended on March 29;
- **Launch of the Health Unit’s Redeveloped Website** – Provided opening remarks at the media conference to launch the Health Unit’s redeveloped website (April 3) (see [Report No. 045-13](#))
- **Reception for Mr. Rick Shantz** – Mr. Rick Shantz, Director, Information Technology Services, is leaving the Health Unit after 2.5 years. Attended his reception on April 5.

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

The development of a new strain of influenza A (H7N9) in China has been closely monitored because of the severity of the illness. A Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care teleconference was attended on April 8 and two updates were written for health care providers (April 4 and 8) which are distributed via email and fax and posted on the Health Unit's website.

Other activities of the Associate Medical Officer of Health included:

- **Infection Control Meeting** – Attended the Middlesex Hospital Alliance Infection Control Meeting (March 19)
- **Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Service meeting** – Chaired a meeting of the service area. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Ms. Michelle McIntyre of Children's Aids Society about reporting requirements to the Children's Aid Society (March 28)
- **Regional HIV/AIDS Connection (RHAC) Board:**
 - Attended monthly meeting (March 20);
 - Attended annual agenda planning day (March 23);
 - Attended special meeting (April 4).
- **Medical Student / Resident Teaching:**
 - Supervised the second week of a two-week placement for a third year Medical Students (March 18 to 22);
 - Provided lecture to first-year medical students on Population Health (April 8);
 - Supervised the first of a four-week placement for a second year Family Medicine Resident (April 9 to 12);
 - Provided mock examination questions to a fifth year Community Medicine Resident (April 9);
 - Presentation to third year medical students on the role of the Medical Officer of Health (April 10).
- **Immunization Advisory Work:**
 - **Advisory Committee for Ontario's Immunization System Review** – Attended a meeting in Toronto (March 22);
 - **National Advisory Committee on Immunization** – As the Chair of this Committee, attended several teleconferences or phone meetings (March 18 and 25, and April 3 and 8).



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