



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 116-13 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – October be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the September Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to October 7, 2013.

The MOH continued to be involved in the hiring for the position of Director of Human Resources and Strategic Priorities. On Friday September 27th, staff was advised that Ms. Laura Di Cesare was the chosen candidate to fill the position that is currently held by Louise Tyler. Ms. Di Cesare brings with her several years of experience from numerous Senior HR Management roles. Louise will be retiring before the end of the year and will be providing training and orientation to Ms. Di Cesare on a part-time basis until she retires.

With flu season just around the corner, the MOH participated in filming a segment of the Staff Immunization Campaign Video. This video was the creation of Vanessa Bell, Manager Privacy and Occupational Health and Safety, Barb Sussex, Staff Immunization Nurse and Lilka Young, Program Assistant and filmed by Keyframe Inc. Several staff and some family members also took part in this project which has resulted in a great motivational video encouraging staff to get vaccinated against seasonal flu.

On September 18th the MOH attended and spoke at the “in motion” launch at the Covent Garden Market. This event kicked-off the 31 day challenge for all residents of London and area to get moving and make London, Canada’s Healthiest City.

On September 9th, the MOH met with new staff to the Health Unit as part of the Agency Orientation and presented on the Office of the Medical Officer of Health.

The MOH attended the United Way Harvest Lunch on September 19th at the Budweiser Gardens. This year’s fundraising goal of 8.9 million was announced at the event.

Later in the day, the MOH took part in a stakeholder consultation with the London Police Services Board at Police Headquarters.

The MOH hosted a meeting of the Southwest Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health, including representatives from eight of the health units in Southwestern Ontario. The agenda included several items of interest to the MOH such as: Low Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines (LRADG); Strategic Planning; and low immunization levels among some groups for pertussis and other vaccine preventable diseases. This meeting was valued by all participants, and the group agreed to hold meetings twice a year going forward.

The MOH was invited to provide opening remarks for a workshop for Health Care Providers – “Identifying Complexities and Solutions to Nurture Infant Mental Health”. This workshop was organized by the Early Years Physician Champion Committee in conjunction with the Community Early Years Partnership under the leadership of Health Unit Public Health Nurses.

The MOH also spoke at the MLHU Infectious Disease Prevention and Control 2013 Workshop and Education event on October 3rd at the Hellenic Centre.

The Medical Officer of Health and CEO also attended the following teleconferences and events:

- September 11 – Attended lunch meeting with City of London Councillor Paul Hubert
- September 13 – Launched the new budget process with the Health Unit’s extended management group
- September 13 – Attended teleconference – Forum for Public Health and Mental Health Leaders: Planning Committee
- September 16 – Attended meeting at Western University with Dr. Bertha M. Garcia
- September 17 – Attended and participated in Middlesex County Emergency Exercise
- September 18 – Attended meeting with Thames Valley District School Board and Health Unit staff to discuss strengthening partnerships
- September 19 – Attended meeting of London’s Homeless Prevention System – Implementation Team
- September 23 – Attended meeting with Cynthia St. John from the Elgin St. Thomas Public Health
- September 24 – Attended teleconference – Public Health Early Years Group
- September 26 – Toured the Health Unit Strathroy Office with Dave Bolton, Marcel Meyer, Al Edmondson and John Millson
- September 30 – met with Mayor Joe Fontana, Denise Brown, Marcel Meyer, City of London City Manager Art Zuidema and several City finance staff to discuss the new Health Unit budget process
- October 2 - Met with CUPE and ONA reps about the new budget process
- October 3 – Attended meeting of the Board of Health Finance and Facilities Committee
- October 7 - Met with members of the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership



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This report addresses Ontario Public Health Organizational Standard 2.9 Reporting relationship of the medical officer of health to the board of health