



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 012-14

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 – JANUARY

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No.012-14 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – January be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the December Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to January 7, 2014.

The MOH was asked to speak about the social determinants of health at the London Health Sciences Centre Board meeting on December 3, 2013. He was joined by other health officials including Sandra Coleman, Chief Executive Officer of the South West Community Care Access Centre. The MOH spoke about the relative impacts of determinants of health, collaboration between health agencies and ideas for LHSC to improve health in the community both within and outside of hospital walls.

As Chair of the Connecting the Dots (CtD) Forum Planning Committee, the MOH hosted the December 4th event held at St. Michael's College in Toronto. This event brought together leaders at senior levels in local and provincial agencies from across Ontario and across provincial ministries to discuss mental health. In July of 2013, Public Health Ontario (PHO), Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Toronto Public Health released *Connecting the Dots*, a document that highlights many public health unit activities that address child and youth mental health. A key finding was that the role of public health in mental health for children and youth lack clarity. This event was the result of a year of planning and collaboration with several staff from the Ministry of Health and Long term Care, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Education, Region of Halton Health Department, McMaster University, CAMH and PHO. Invitations to attend the event were sent to key public health and mental health leaders in Ontario. The day was spent discussing strategies to prevent mental illness in children, public health's role in child mental health and opportunities for collaboration between public health and other sectors.

On December 5th, the MOH joined MLHU Staff and Board members at the Annual Staff Day Celebration at the Western Fair District. After a delicious breakfast, the MOH reviewed Service Area activities and events that occurred in 2013. Long Term Service Awards were presented to 46 staff. Louise Tyler, Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations, was acknowledged as she retired at the end of 2013. The guest speaker for the event was Dan Trommatter, a magician who used his craft to identify how important perception is to our experience of reality, and how to foster creative and innovative thinking.

The MOH attended and presented at the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel held at the Delta London Armouries on December 5th. The purpose of this event was for London stakeholders to provide advice on how to adjust Ontario's minimum wage. The MOH provided the Health Unit's position, established at recent Board of Health meetings. The Chair of the Panel will report to the provincial government with recommendations.

On December 13th, the MOH presented to McMaster University Public Health Residents on how to work with external stakeholders to identify and support their interests while also advancing public health goals.

The Senior Leadership Team met with some Senior Leaders from LHSC to learn more about what services each organization offers, and to discuss various options/ideas for collaboration between organizations.

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

December 4 - Big Picture Thinking for Boards at London Public Library – hosted by Pillar Non Profit

December 5 - Inaugural Session of Middlesex County Council

December 18 – Visit to 528 Dundas St. Methadone Clinic to meet with John Craven, Associate Director

December 18 – Introductory meeting with Peggy Sattler, MPP

December 19 – Attended a Step 3 Grievance meeting with ONA representatives



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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