



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 019-14

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2014 February 26

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 019-14 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – February be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the January Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to February 13, 2014.

On January 8th, the MOH lead a class of students enrolled in the Masters of Public Health at The Schulich School of Medicine Western University. His topic was *Leading People and Organizations in Public Health*.

The MOH and Senior Leaders welcomed new staff to the Health Unit during Agency Orientation on January 13. Included in the day were presentations from Senior Leaders and Non Union Management, informing and advising new staff of what services are available at the Health Unit.

On January 14th, the MOH and several other Health Unit staff attended the opening of the new General Anesthetic (GA) Suite at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University. The MOH delivered remarks on behalf of the Health Unit noting MLHU's involvement in the creation of the GA Suite, and key points about how the new GA Suite will benefit MLHU clients. Also in attendance at the event were The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Dr. Mike Strong, Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry; Ms. Diane Farrell, widow of Dr. Neal Farrell, Director of Dental Services and Ms. Joan Carrothers, retired Manager of Dental Services.

The MOH delivered opening remarks at the Healthy Communities Partnership Middlesex-London Forum at the Komoka Wellness Centre on January 23rd. The purpose of the forum is to bring together local stakeholders to discuss how supportive environments and policy can promote healthy and active communities in Middlesex County. The MOH delivered greetings from the Health Unit, gave the health perspective on building health communities, and gave a brief introduction of the Toronto Charter for Physical Activity (TCPA). Also in attendance was Board of Health member Al Edmondson.

The MOH was one of the speakers at the 2014 Driven to Quit Challenge kick off on January 23rd. This event was held at Oxford Dodge Chrysler and organized by the Canadian Cancer Society with support from the Health Unit. The Driven to Quit Challenge is an annual, province-wide contest through which smokers are encouraged to commit to being tobacco-free for the month of March, making them eligible to win a 2014 Dodge vehicle.

All staff were invited to attend the February 13 launch of the Health Inequities Reduction Strategic Achievement Group's initiative to set the stage for further professional development about health

inequity, its relevance to day to day work and the overall direction of the Health Unit in better addressing health inequities in our community. The MOH delivered opening remarks.

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

January 9	Attended a meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee
January 17	Met with Daniel Huggins and other City staff to discuss communication and cooperation during water quality events
January 17	Introductory meeting with Anita Kothari, Faculty of Health Sciences, Western University
January 20	Introductory meeting with Cheryl Forchuck, Professor and Associate Director of Nursing Research at the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing
January 23	Meeting with Middlesex County Warden Joanne Vanderheyden and CAO Bill Rayburn to discuss Reserve Funds
January 27	Introductory meeting with Lloy Wylie, Assistant Professor, Interfaculty Program in Public Health, Western University
January 28	Attended the 2014 State of the City Address at the Convention Centre
January 29	Attended a meeting of the Generator Sub-Committee Attended a meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee Live interview with CKNX Radio in Wingham in regards to adult low income dental care
January 30	Attended PHLC HHD Table meeting in Toronto
February 5	Met with Abe Oudshoorn, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing to discuss the Centre for Research on Health Equity and Social Inclusion and the role of a lead community partner
February 6	Attended From Cell to Society Symposium. This research explores the archeology of biological embedding and points to ways in which the science can inform policies and interventions to give all children a better start.
February 7	Accompanied by Diane Bewick, met with Sandra Coleman and Nancy Dool-Kontio from the SW CCAC to discuss organizational collaboration
February 12	Attended a meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee
February 12	Attended the CEO/CAO Dinner meeting hosted by Laura Elliott, Director of Education for Thames Valley District School Board



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