



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
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MARCH 2014 BOARD OF HEALTH SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Recommendations

It is recommended:

- 1) *That the Governance Committee approve the Board Self-Assessment tool as outlined in Report No. 01-14GC re March 2014 Board of Health Self-Assessment Survey, and further*
- 2) *That the Governance Committee recommend that members of the Middlesex-London Board of Health complete the survey attached as Appendix A to Report No. 01-14GC in March 2014 for review by the Governance Committee in order to propose recommendations at a future meeting to improve Board effectiveness and engagement.*

Key Points

- It is recommended that the Board complete the Board Self-Assessment survey in March 2014 as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards](#).
- It is recommended that the Board complete two additional questions that elicit feedback on the contributions that MLHU staff makes at Board of Health meetings such as reports, presentations and answers to questions.
- It is recommended that the Governance Committee review the findings and propose recommendations for improvements in board effectiveness and engagement at a future Board of Health meeting.

The Board Self-Assessment Survey process was revised and approved by the Board of Health in October 2013 to fulfill a requirement of the Organizational Standards related to a self-evaluation process of governance practices and outcomes.

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 March 20, 2014 meeting. Board members are asked to complete the online survey or submit a completed paper copy of the survey by March 31, 2014. Completed hard copies can be left in a sealed envelope with the Executive Assistant to the Board of Health, Ms. Sherri Sanders, at the March 20th Board of Health meeting or mailed directly to Ms. Sanders at 50 King St., London, ON, N6A 5L7.

Two questions have been added to the Board of Health Self-Assessment survey that will assess if the board is getting the appropriate amount and type of information from staff in reports, presentations and during question and answer periods.

The Board of Health endorsed a recommendation in October, 2014 that an ad hoc committee of two or three Board members review the findings. Members of the newly formed Governance Committee, with the Epidemiologist and MOH, will review de-identified findings of the survey and propose “recommendations for improvements in board effectiveness and engagement” as stated in Requirement 4.3 of [OPHOS](#) and present to the Board as a whole. The results will be presented to the Board of Health at a future meeting.

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<p>This report addresses the following requirement(s) of the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards: Section 4.3 - Board of health self-evaluation</p>
