



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 – APRIL

### ***Recommendation***

***It is recommended that Report No. 029-14 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – April be received for information.***

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the March Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to April 10, 2014.

The MOH was on vacation for 2 weeks in March.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> the MOH attended a meeting of the South West LHIN Health System Leadership Council as the Public Health Representative. The membership of this council includes staff from many organizations such as London Health Sciences Centre, Community Care Access Centre, the Long Term Care sector and the Aboriginal sector to name a few. The Council will provide system and operational advice and insight to the South West LHIN Leadership team and to targeted initiatives by creating an engaging environment where members have meaningful opportunities to contribute to discussions through a combination of scheduled meetings and workshops and on an ad hoc basis as required.

The MOH and MLHU staff shared cake with Bryna Warshawsky on March 26<sup>th</sup> to wish her well as she leaves for her new position at Public Health Ontario.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> the MOH delivered opening remarks at the Climate Change Health Vulnerability Workshop which was hosted by the Health Unit. This workshop assisted attendees in understanding the health impacts of climate change and how to prepare for and respond to climate related hazards.

The MOH and several Health Unit staff attend the March 31 TOPHC Conference in Toronto. The MOH facilitated two sessions at the event – one on child and youth mental, and another on program fidelity in early childhood development programming.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> the MOH delivered opening remarks and attended the Ontario Health Schools Coalition “Coming Together: Supporting the Whole Child” Forum that Health Unit staff were instrumental in planning. The Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition is an Ontario-wide, broad-based coalition, with members from public health units, school boards, hospitals, mental health agencies, universities, health-related organizations, education-related organizations, and parent and student organizations, working to promote healthy schools so that students can achieve academic success.

As a member of the 2014 United Way London & Middlesex Campaign Cabinet, the MOH attended his first orientation session on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Cabinet will meet approximately once per month.

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

- March 24 Met with Matt Cass – Associate Director, Executive Development at Ivey School of Business
- April 7 Met with Steve Cordes – Executive Director, Youth Opportunities Unlimited at the YOU Made it Café to discuss a YOU initiative which hopes to create housing and supports for young new and expectant mothers
- April 7 Attended a meeting of MLHU staff from Environmental Health and staff from the Ministry of the Environment
- April 7 Attended a meeting at the Adelaide Metcalfe Municipal Office which was announcing the distribution of CO detectors and smoke alarms to people who would otherwise not be able to afford to purchase them
- April 8 Was the key note speaker at the St. John Ambulance AGM



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<p><b>This report addresses</b> 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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