



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. 062-14 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 6, 2014.

Since the last meeting, the MOH continued to be involved in negotiations with Ontario Nurses Association (ONA).

The MOH attended the Middlesex County Council meeting on September 9th with a report on 2013 Health Unit funding.

In preparation for 2015 budget planning, members of the Extended Leadership Team (ELT) attended a PBMA refresher training session. As part of this session, attendees were given the PBMA timeline and the weights and criteria to use when developing their proposals. There was an update on the 2015 budget, and a refresher of the PBMA process, including examples of proposals. Staff had the opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentations.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team participated in a Planning Day on September 23rd. This meeting enabled the team to further work on the Value Tree, Mission and Vision Statement as well as plan for the upcoming months.

On September 28th the MOH and Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications met with staff from Oxford County Public Health to discuss options for partnering in a Communications Campaign. The campaign that MLHU is developing is to raise awareness about the value of public health. It is anticipated that various media options will be used including; busses, newspaper, Youtube, radio and billboards.

The MOH was part of the October 2 press conference at the London Food Bank to help kick off its annual Thanksgiving collection Friday. Food bank officials announced they will be working with the Middlesex-London Health Unit to provide healthier options for their clients.

On October 3rd the MOH attended the launch of the Indigenous Cultural Competency Training Program for Ontario health care professionals at the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre on Dundas St. London North Centre MPP Deb Matthews and staff from the South West Local Health Integrated Network were also in attendance to help launch this program which will assist in improving health outcomes for Indigenous people across the province.

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

- September 9 - Attended United Way Cabinet Meeting
- Participated in Public Health Ontario's teleconference – Recommendations for the Public Health Response to Hepatitis C in Ontario
- Attended Non-Union Leadership Team meeting to hear City of London staff present the New Official Plan
- September 11 - As United Way Cabinet member, met with London Police Services to encourage their participation in United Way fundraising

- Presented to a class of students enrolled in the Masters of Public Health at The Schulich School of Medicine Western University. The class he presented to was the Leading People and Organizations in Public Health.
- September 12 - Met with Chief Neal Roberts (Middlesex London EMS) and Dr. Lewell to discuss Naloxone
- September 15 - Attended Healthy Human Development (HHD) Table meeting in Toronto
- Participated in a PHO debate with Doug Sider
- September 17 - Participated in the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section Teleconference
- Attended the United Way Harvest Lunch at Bud Gardens
- September 18 - Participated in the Provincial/Public Health Unit Conference Call
- September 18 - Attended both the Governance Committee meeting and the Board of Health Meeting
- September 19 - Hosted an all-staff welcome for Dr. Gayane Hovhannisyan
- September 22 - Welcomed new staff at the Agency Orientation
- As United Way Cabinet member, met with physicians at Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) to encourage their participation in United Way fundraising
- Participated in the monthly teleconference of the Public Health Early Years Group (PHEY)
- September 25 - Attended the Environmental Health Week open house at 201 Queens Ave.
- Met with Steve Cordes (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) to discuss collaboration and engagement
- September 26 - Attended the Child & Youth Network (CYN) Business Breakfast which was held at the Goodwill Career Centre on Horton St. The key note speaker was Dave Barrett, Cascade Engineering's Director of Talent Management. The theme of the event was - Social good is just good business: A Breakfast for London's Influencers
- September 29 - Met with staff from Elgin St. Thomas Public Health to discuss collaborating on the developing Communications Campaign
- Met with the Baby Friendly Initiative Assessor and Laura Dueck, Public Health Nurse

- Welcomed Dr. Alex Farag to the Health Unit as she began her 2 week elective

October 1 - Met with Andrew Lockie, CEO, London Middlesex United Way and Abe Oudshoorn to discuss a collaborative project to analyze health by neighbourhood in the Middlesex-London area.

October 2 - Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting



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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