

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 – MARCH

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 025-15 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – March 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 March 6, 2015.

The first part of February kept Health Unit staff, including the MOH busy with media requests for interviews and attending many teleconference meetings regarding two London residents from West Africa who were being quarantined until Ebola could be ruled out. As expected, both persons were found to have not contracted the Ebola virus.

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

- February 9 Attended a meeting of the Partnering in Transformation “Code Red” Steering Committee
- February 11 Presented at Grand Rounds, Paediatrics about current public health issues of concern including Ebola and measles, as well as Health Unit programs and services
Senior Leadership Team met for the afternoon for a Strategic Planning meeting
- February 12 Attend the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting
- February 13 Met with Dr. Ray Copes, Public Health Ontario before a tour of the London Water Research Facility
- February 17 Welcomed 4th year medical student Aric Sudicky to the Health Unit for a 2 week placement
Participated in 2nd interview for Manager of Family Health Services
- February 18 Attended a Partnering in Transformation “Code Red” meeting at LHSC
- February 20 Met with Health Unit staff and Board of Health member Jesse Helmer to discuss Smoke Free Movies. This meeting was organized in preparation for the February 25th meeting of several MOH’s with Mr. Bruce Davis, Chair of the Ontario Film Review Board, to discuss advocacy opportunities for smoke-free movies.
- February 26 Attended a Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Board meeting
Met with Health Unit staff to discuss revision to the Nicotine Replacement Therapy Policy
Participated in a telephone conference to discuss the 2015 Symposium at the Sheela Basrur Centre occurring March 25th in Toronto. The MOH will present at the event.

- March 2 Lectured at the Schulich School of Medicine in regards to the role of the Medical Officer of Health.
- March 3 Met with Brian Dunne of Participation House to discuss the work of the LHIN 2 Health System Leadership Council advisory body to the LHIN, which is co-chaired by the MOH and CEO.
- March 5 Met with Dr. Bob Bell, Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, as well as other members of his ministry and members of the LHIN 2 Health System Leadership Council to discuss the healthcare system and its relationship with local public health.
- March 6 Hosted and participated in the Health Unit-led Poverty Simulation event providing municipal and other elected officials and community leaders with a simulated experience of living a month in the life of a person on low-income.



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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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