



TO: Chair and Members of the Governance Committee

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NOVEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Governance Committee:

- 1) Receive Report No. 13-15GC re November Board of Health Development Session for information; and further,*
- 2) Approve the Board of Health Development Session for November 19th in place of the November Board of Health Meeting; and further,*
- 3) Invite the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of other Southwest Ontario Boards of Health to attend.*

Key Points

- To address board development, it is proposed that an offsite workshop be held on November 19th, 2015 to learn about governance models and best practices and review approved guidelines for Board members.
- Graham Scott, C.M; Q.C is a recognized expert in Ontario Public Health Unit governance and operations and is recommended to facilitate the development session.

Background

Based on the findings of the self-assessment conducted in the spring of 2015, it was recommended that the Board of Health participate in an offsite workshop to learn about governance processes and best practices.

The Board of Health endorsed the motion for staff to arrange a training session in fall of 2015.

Proposed Board of Health Development

Staff have been in contact with Mr. Graham Scott, C.M; Q.C. of Enterprise Canada, who has extensive experience advising Health Units on governance matters, to deliver a board development session for the Board of Health. More recently, Mr. Scott was appointed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to act as the Assessor of the Algoma Public Health Unit to address concerns regarding governance and operations practices.

The key deliverable of the development session with Mr. Scott will be to educate the Board of Health and members of the Senior Leadership Team about key governance practices for local boards of health.

Mr. Scott has indicated his availability for November 19, 2015.

Pre-Session Governance Assessment

In preparation of the session, Mr. Scott will require that 2-3 board members be interviewed and that he be provided with key Middlesex-London Health Unit governance documents (bylaws, policies, committee terms of references) to establish an understanding of current practices.

Next Steps

Mr. Scott's experience with Ontario Public Health Unit governance and operational matters would allow the Board of Health to benefit from his perspective on the Middlesex-London Health Units governance processes and practices.

November 19, 2015 has been identified as a potential date for the Board of Health to participate in development activities. If approved, this development session would occur in place of the November Board of Health Meeting

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