



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. 065-15 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 July Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to October 2, 2015.

Throughout the month of September, the MOH attended events and meetings regarding the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty. The MOH will co-chair this Panel with Deputy Mayor Cassidy. The panel will develop recommendations for action on reducing poverty in London.

The MOH attended the 3M Harvest Lunch on September 17 at Bud Gardens. This event marked the United Way of London and Middlesex 2015 campaign launch. They announced that the goal this year will be \$9.1 million

On September 17, the MOH and the Middlesex-London Health Unit welcomed Dr. Paul Kershaw to London to present on the challenges of Canadians in their 20s, 30s and 40s. This particular group of citizens faces many challenges such as lower earnings, higher costs, less time and a deteriorating environment. Dr. Kershaw talked about why it's time for a Better Generational Deal, one that works for young and old alike.

On September 18th, the MOH welcomed Deputy Minister Deb Matthews to the Health Unit. She was in London to announce Ontario's Local Poverty Reduction Fund initiatives. The Health Unit is one of eight organizations in Southwestern Ontario to receive funds that will assist in preventing or reducing poverty for children and families. Middlesex-London Health Unit will receive \$351,000 to develop a training centre to educate Ontario public health nurses on how to provide the most vulnerable young mothers and their babies with highly specialized supports during pregnancy and early years to help both parents and children achieve their potential.

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

- September 3 Initial meeting with Daniel Brown, Loran Scholar studying Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Therapy at Western
- September 4 Telephone meeting in regards to nutrition with Geoffrey Vogt, YMCA and Danielle Battram, Brescia University College
Met with MPP Peggy Sattler to discuss Public Health
- September 8 Hosted a meeting of the Community Health Collaborative (CHC) Champions at the Health Unit
- September 9 Attended the United Way Cabinet Meeting
Met with Dr. George Zahariadis
- September 11 Met with MPP Jeff Yurek to discuss Public Health

- September 14 Met with Dr. Gord Schacter to discuss Health Unit Primary Care Support
- September 15 Attended a Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Governance meeting
Met with Matthew Meyer (LHSC) and Michael Clarke (UWO) in regards to Western Health Systems Research Centre
- September 16 participated in a teleconference call with the TOPHC Program Committee
Participated in a teleconference call of the SW LHIN Health System Leadership Council
- September 17 Met in Toronto with the Health Human Development Table
- September 24 Attended the YOU Board Meeting
- September 25 With Gayane Hovhannisyian, gave a presentation at the University for a Masters of Public Health session
Met with Paul Hubert, City Councillor
Attended the OW/ODSP Advocates meeting at the Civic Gardens
- September 29 Attended the Orange Door Project event at YOU to celebrate the contribution of \$40,000 from The Home Depot Canada Foundation
- September 30 Delivered opening remarks at the IDC 2015 Workshop ant Goodwill Industries
Attended



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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