



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. 027-16 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 8, 2016.

The MOH and many Health Unit staff attended The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC) conference at the Allstream Centre in Toronto in early April. This conference is hosted jointly by Public Health Ontario (PHO), the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA). The conference aims to advance public health by increasing knowledge and skills in the workforce.

The MOH presented at several sessions, including:

- *Realizing Our Potential: Maximizing public health's role in supporting poverty reduction in Ontario*
- *Leadership and influence: Achieving public health goals through public policy*
- *Hot TOPHC 2016: Public health in a transformed Ontario health system*

Other Health Unit staff who presented at the conference include:

- Chimere Okoronkwo and Brooke Twohey – Small Change. Big Results (fluoride varnish)
- Chris Blain and Deb Fenlon – Effective strategies for public health providers engaging in a rapid review process
- Anne-Maria Quin and Fatih Sekercioglu – Geared towards compliance: Using evidence-informed strategies to teach pool and spa operators

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

- March 7 Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty MAPOP discussion with Chief John Pare, London City Police  
Met with MAPOP representatives to discuss the draft recommendations  
Attended a YOU Executive meeting
- March 8 Attended an MLHU Leadership meeting to review the new Employee Assistance Program provider
- March 9 MAPOP presentation at the Thames Valley District School Board  
Met with City Councillor Phil Squire to discuss the MAPOP recommendations  
Attended a MAPOP presentation at the White Oaks Family Centre  
Delivered opening remarks at the "We're Better Together" event which was organized by the Middlesex-London Community Early Years Partnership and the Healthcare Provider Champion

- March 11 Attended a meeting of the Community Health Collaborative – Steering Committee
- March 21 All day MAPOP meeting
- March 22 Met with Michele McKenzie and Barb Petterson from the United Way for a campaign debrief  
Interview with CTV in regards to safe injection sites
- March 23 Met with MPP Jeff Yurek to discuss MAPOP and the Patients First initiative
- March 24 Attended a Youth Opportunities Unlimited Board meeting  
Participated in a video shoot for London Cares  
Participated in the SWMOH Journal Club session
- March 29 Attended a Senior Leadership Planning day
- March 31 Participated in a teleconference call with Shireen Roy at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- April 1 Attended a meeting of MOH's, AMOH's and LHIN staff to discuss the Patients First initiative
- April 7 Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting  
With the AMOH, met with Dr. Salimah Shariff and Amit Garg at Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) at Western University
- April 8 Initial meeting with Dr. Steven Harrison, newly hired CEO for the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Middlesex

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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