



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 – NOVEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 068-16 re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – November be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of October 10, 2016 to November 4, 2016.

On October 12th, the MOH was asked to lend his voice to the Poverty over London Campaign by taking the Quiz and encouraging others via social media to assist in making people aware of this important issue in our community and help end poverty within the next generation.

The fall Middlesex London Health Unit Town Hall was held on October 13th. The agenda was packed full of information and updates including: a presentation from Chris Callaghan and Pam Longworth from the School Health Team; a funding presentation from John Millson; a PBMA update from Jordan Banninga; an update on the Location Project from Amy Pavletic and Suzanne Vandervoort; an update on InMotion and the Be Well Website from Mary Lou Albanese; an update on the current HIV crisis in London from Dr. Hovhannisyann and Todd Coleman; an update from Shaya Dhinsa and Chris Blain on the Sexual Health Team; update on plans for new banners on the outside walls of 50 King St. from Dan Flaherty; an update on work being done by staff in regards to the issues of sugar-sweetened beverages and poverty from Dr. Mackie; a quiz on staff knowledge of Health Unit activities by Suzanne Vandervoort; and Ms. Kelly Ziegner, CEO at United Way about this year's campaign and the Health Unit's involvement.

On October 24th, the MOH welcomed Dr. Peter Donnelly, President and CEO of Public Health Ontario (PHO) and Kathryn Marsilio, PHO resident for a visit to the Health Unit. Dr. Donnelly met with leaders from the Middlesex and London community, and later with members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss and learn more about public health initiatives, innovations, and challenges in the region.

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

- October 11 Met with City Councillor Maureen Cassidy and Andrew Lockie, CEO at YMCA in regards to Poverty Panel work
Presented a strategic update at the Middlesex County Council meeting
- October 12 Poverty OVER London action/awareness campaign interview
- October 13 Town Hall meeting
Hosted a meeting of former Poverty Panel members
Attended the London For All event at Goodwill Industries
- October 14 Was interviewed by Craig Needles AM980 in regards to poverty
Was interviewed by the Strathroy Gazette regarding strategic update presentation made at Middlesex County Council on October 11th

- Attended the Shine the Light Launch at the London Abused Women's Centre
Was interviewed by Al Coombs, 1290 CJBK in regards to inMotion
Initial meeting with Adamm Liley, Professor Fanshawe College
- October 17 Attended the Western University Humanitarian Award event
- October 18 Met with Janette MacDonald, CEO and GM Downtown London to discuss the LiveWorkPlayLearn initiative
- October 19 Gave a presentation to a grade 12 class at AB Lucas High School
Met with Martin Vatankhahi and Zack Zubilewich to discuss participating in a documentary (True Blue) about crystal meth in London
- October 20 Participated in a media event with Peggy Sattler, MPP London West in regards to Bill 26 – providing paid leave for sexual, domestic violence survivors
Participated in the Provincial Public Health Unit teleconference
- October 21 Provided keynote address at Dalla Lana School of Public Health Fall Conference - "Secure Income, Secure Health: Working Towards Equitable Solutions"
- October 25 Met via a phone conversation with Dr. Jean Clinton, McMaster University in regards to Nurse Family Partnership
Participated in an interview with Al Coombs, 1290 CJBK regarding New Food Labelling in Canada
Had a Skype meeting with Mats Lyndon Juneke, McMaster Resident in regards to sugary drinks
- October 27 Attended the Banff Forum XV in Montebello Quebec
- October 31 Participated in the filming of True Blue documentary about crystal meth
Interview with Mike Stubbs, AM980 in regards to the work in London to address poverty and a look ahead to the 2016 Conference on Ending Homelessness being held in London
- November 2-4 Attended the 3 day 2016 National Conference on Ending Homelessness in London
Had a phone conversation with Roselle Martino, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss sugar sweetened beverages
Introductory meeting with Reinhart Gauss, citizen activist

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