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Mr. Jesse Helmer
Chair, Board of Health
Middlesex-London Health Unit
300 Dufferin Avenue, Suite 314
London, ON N6A 4L9

Dear Mr. Helmer:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide the Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit up to \$250,000 in additional base funding for staff positions to support local opioid response initiatives, including naloxone distribution to community-based organizations and work on early warning and surveillance of opioid overdoses.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Population and Public Health Division will write to the Middlesex-London Unit shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to harm reduction and public health.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hoskins".

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister

c: Dr. Gayane Hovhannisyan, Acting Medical Officer of Health
Roselle Martino, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Division