

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
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SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 055-17 re: Summary Information Report for October 2017 for information.

Key Points

- The Middlesex-London Health Unit is participating in a Locally Driven Collaborative Project (LDCP) that will work collaboratively with school boards to develop the methodology for a new health module. As part of this project, MLHU will be reaching out to local school boards.

Children Count: Locally Driven Collaborative Project (LDCP)

MLHU is one of sixteen health units participating in a Locally Driven Collaborative Project (LDCP). Phase 1 of the project focused on determining gaps in health data for children and youth to better meet local needs, and ended with the release of the report “[Children Count](#),” in March 2017. An application for two years’ extended PHO funding (January 2018 to January 2020) has been submitted. The project’s Phase 2 is called “Children Count Pilot Study: Utilizing the school climate survey for coordinated health surveillance and planning for children and youth in Ontario.” The research question and objectives are as follows:

Research Question

To determine the feasibility of utilizing the school climate survey to gather health data that will meet the needs of local public health and boards of education.

Objectives

Specific research objectives for this two-year LDCP will build on the recommendations of the “Children Count” report and the associated provincial task force:

- To work collaboratively with school boards to develop the methodology for a new health module, addressing healthy eating, physical activity and mental health for inclusion in the school climate survey (topics of priority were identified as needs in Phase 1 of the project);
- To pilot test and evaluate the applicability and feasibility of the partnership between public health units and school boards in coordinated surveillance and assessment utilizing the school climate survey; and
- To develop a guide and/or toolkit for implementation of coordinated surveillance for health service planning using the school climate survey for child and youth health in Ontario.



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