



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health / CEO

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LONDON COMMUNITY DENTAL ALLIANCE UPDATE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 021-19 re: “London Community Dental Alliance Update” for information.

Key Points

- The London Community Dental Alliance (LCDA) is a group of London agencies that have come together to increase access to dental treatment services for low-income adults in London. In total, the LCDA has secured \$400,000 for this project. The LCDA is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.
- MLHU is a general member of the LCDA and will continue to support the establishment of the dental clinic.

London Community Dental Alliance (LCDA) Update

The LCDA is a group of London agencies, including Western University, Fanshawe College, the London Intercommunity Health Centre, Glen Cairn Resource Centre, and others, that have come together to increase access to dental treatment services for low-income adults in London. This project was initiated by Dr. Kenneth Wright, founder of the Dental Outreach Community Service program at Western University. The LCDA was awarded \$230,000 for operations by the London Community Foundation. In total, the LCDA has secured more than \$400,000 via other grants and private donations. The LCDA is incorporated under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* and has hired a lawyer to assist with a charitable status application (expected to take approximately six months to complete). The LCDA has structured its Board of Directors to include one member each from the London Intercommunity Health Centre, Fanshawe College, and Western University. MLHU is a general member of the LCDA and will continue to support the establishment of the dental clinic.

This report was prepared by the Oral Health Team, Healthy Living Division ([Oral Health program template attached as Appendix A](#)).

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