

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 30-24

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 30-24 re: "Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for March 2024" for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of March 8 to April 4, 2024.

The Medical Officer of Health provides oversight of all public health programs at the Middlesex-London Health Unit and co-chairs the Senior Leadership Team. The Medical Officer of Health participates in a wide range of external and internal meetings, along with liaising with community partners and municipal and provincial stakeholders.

The Medical Officer of Health, along with other team members, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following meetings:

Client and Community Impact – *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH's representation of the Health Unit in the community:*

- March 8** Attended the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.
- March 11** Participated in a regional call to discuss measles preparedness.
- March 12** Attended a UPHN Strategic Planning meeting.
- March 13** With Emily Williams, CEO, Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Mary Lou Albanese, Director, Environmental Health, Infectious Disease and Clinical Services, and Donna Kosmack, Manager, Oral Health and Clinical Support Services, hosted Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, and MP Peter Fragiskatos for a tour of the Citi Plaza dental operatories.

Attended the quarterly meeting with the London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance.

Attended the Anti-Black Racism Plan Advisory Committee meeting.

March 14 Participated in a call with a student interested in public health and preventive medicine.

March 18 Participated in a call with Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Participated in the monthly Southwest Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health meeting.

March 19 Met with Dr. Maxwell Smith, Assistant Professor, Western University.

March 20 Interview with Andrew Lupton, CBC News London, regarding the Board of Health report on an ALPHA resolution for permitting applications for automatic prohibition orders under the *Smoke Free Ontario Act* for vapour product sales offences.

March 21 Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

March 22 Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

March 25 Interview with Devon Peacock, Global News 980 CFPL, regarding illegal vape sales and the emerging challenge with nicotine pouches.

March 26 Interview with Alessio Donnini, CBC News London, regarding HPV vaccination rates.

March 27 Met with Scott Courtice, Executive Director, London InterCommunity Health Centre.

March 28 Attended a Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.

With Scott Courtice, Executive Director, London InterCommunity Health Centre, co-chaired a meeting of the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy Steering Committee.

April 4 With Emily Williams, CEO, Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, and Sarah Maaten, Director, Public Health Foundations, hosted Dr. Michael Sherar, President and CEO of Public Health Ontario for a meeting.

Participated in a call with Dr. Deepika Lobo, Medical Officer of Health, Halton Region.

Participated in a meeting to discuss local measles preparedness within the acute health care system.

Employee Engagement and Learning – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH influences the Health Unit's organizational capacity, climate and culture and the contributions made to enable engaged and empowered staff; thoughtful and responsive leadership and organizational structures that support decision-making, innovation and learning:*

- March 12** Participated in a planning meeting for vaccinations and suspensions as part of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- March 14** With Emily Williams, CEO, Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, and Cynthia Bos, Associate Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations, participated in a meeting to discuss an on-call policy.
- March 18** Attended the MOS/IDID Steering Committee meeting.
- March 19** Attended a meeting to discuss the draft Emergency Response Plan for Middlesex-London Health Unit.
- With Emily Williams, CEO and Emily Van Kesteren, Acting Manager, Communications, participated in a planning meeting for Canadian Public Health Week.
- March 20** Attended the unveiling of the quilt created during the 2023 Community Art Event.
- March 21** Attended a Social Marketing and Health System Partnerships team meeting to support transitioning to the new organizational structure.
- Attended a union grievance meeting.
- March 22** Participated in a meeting to discuss Model of Service Delivery reviews at the Middlesex-London Health Unit.
- March 26** Attended the Environmental Health, Infectious Diseases and Clinical Support Services Divisional meeting.
- March 27** With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health and Darrell Jutzi, Manager, Municipal and Community Health Promotion, met to discuss the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy.
- March 28** With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health and Darrell Jutzi, Manager, Municipal and Community Health Promotion, met to plan action items for the Middlesex-London Health Unit from the meeting of the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy Steering Committee.
- April 2** Participated in a meeting to discuss staffing for the vaccine preventable diseases program for May with regards to that month's round of suspensions per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- April 4** Participated in a meeting to discuss the cultivation of a failure-friendly culture at the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Participated in an internal meeting to discuss the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report in relation to the work of the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Personal Development – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH develops their leadership, skills and growth to define their vision and goals for the Health Unit.*

April 3 Attended the virtual sessions of The Ontario Public Health Conference (TOPHC).

Governance – *This meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH influences the alignment of management methods and systems to ensure appropriate structures and resources are in place to achieve the HU's mission and vision. This also reflects on the MOH's responsibility for actions, decision and policies that impact the HUs ability to achieve the requirements as set out under the strategic plan, the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHOS), other funder requirements and direction provided by the Board of Health:*

March 12 Attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and Executive meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Health, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Assistant to the Board of Health.

March 19 Attended the Board of Health and leadership team social.

March 21 Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.

March 25 Attended a meeting of the Public Health Sector Coordination Table.

March 26 Attended a special meeting of the Public Health Sector Coordination Table.

March 28 Attended the Ontario Public Health Standards Review Table meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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This report refers to the following principle(s) set out in Policy G-490, Appendix A:

- The Good Governance and Management Practices Domain as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#).

This topic has been reviewed to be in alignment with goals under the Middlesex-London Health Unit's [Anti-Black Racism Plan](#) and [Taking Action for Reconciliation](#), specifically the Governance and Leadership (ABRP) section.