



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 MAY AND JUNE

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 44-23, re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for May and June for information.*

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of May 1, 2023 – July 8, 2023.

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:*

- May 2** Participated in a case conference with the Health Services and Review Board regarding an *Immunization of School Pupils* appeal.
- May 3** Presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Geriatric Medicine Refresher Day, organized by Western University St. Joseph's Health Care.
- May 4** Hosted Matthew Meyer and Amber Alpaugh-Bishop from the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team.
- Participated in a call to discuss MLHU participation with the Queens University's Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency program.
- May 5** Participated in a call to discuss designing a wholistic needs screener with London Health Sciences Centre.
- May 8** Attended a COMOHE Executive Update meeting.
- Participated in a meeting with Dr. Joanne Kearon and Dr. Emily Groot from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine regarding clinical training.
- May 11** Attended a Strategy and Accountability meeting as part of the Whole of Community Response Plan.

- May 12** Attended the monthly COMOHO Executive meeting.
- Interview with Mike Stubbs, AM980 CFPL regarding the World Health Organization announcement that the COVID-19 global public emergency has ended.
- Interviews with Angela McInnes and Colin Butler, CBC News London, regarding the Board of Health letter to the provincial government regarding social assistance rates and food affordability.
- May 16** Participated in the provincial Public Health Sector Coordination Table meeting.
- Attended a COMOHO Executive Update meeting.
- Attended the YMCA Women of Excellence Gala.
- May 17** Attended a meeting of the Infectious Disease Training Program Committee meeting.
- May 18** Met with a medical student to discuss specialization in public health and preventive medicine.
- May 23** With Dr. Joanne Kearon, participated in a meeting to discuss a public health and preventive medicine residency at Western University.
- May 24** Participated in a call to discuss MLHU participation with the Queens University's Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency program.
- May 25** Attended the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.
- Met with Lynne Livingston, Manager, City of London.
- May 26** Presented at the McMaster University Academic Half Day.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- Met with a medical student to discuss specialization in public health and preventive medicine.
- May 31** Attended the London-Middlesex Primary Care Alliance/MLHU/Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Vaccination Discussion meeting.
- Participated in the Public Health Leadership Table meeting, organized by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- June 1** Toured Mission Services' Quinton Warner House.
- June 5** Met with leadership from the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.
- June 6** Attended COMOHO Working Group meeting.
- June 8 & 9** Attended the Urban Public Health Network meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

- June 12 & 14** Attended the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' Annual General meeting.
- June 15** Chaired the Healthy Living divisional leadership meeting.
- June 19** Attended the monthly Southwest Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health meeting.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, met with staff from Hon. Monte McNaughton's office to discuss the MLHU Strathroy Dental Clinic and its grand opening.
- June 20** Presented the Healthcare Provider Webinar.
- With Dr. Joanne Kearon, participated in a meeting to discuss a public health and preventive medicine residency at Western University.
- June 21** Participated at the Indigenous Solidarity Day event at the Wortley Green, representing MLHU.
- Met with Lynne Livingston, Manager, City of London.
- June 22** Participated in the Middlesex County Warden's Charity Golf Tournament.
- June 23** Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
- June 26** Participated in the grand opening ceremony of the MLHU Strathroy Dental Clinic.
- June 27** Interview with Amanda Margison, CBC London, regarding the special air quality statement in effect for the Middlesex-London region.
- Participated in a stakeholder interview with Alison Locker, Manager, Population Health Assessment and Surveillance for the Canadian Urban Substance Surveillance Project.
- June 28** Participated in an Infectious Disease Residency Training Program Committee Meeting.
- July 5** Met with leadership from the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection regarding the Needle Syringe Program.
- July 7** Interview with Pat Maloney, London Free Press, regarding the current COVID-19 status in London and Middlesex County.
- July 8** Published an opinion editorial in the London Free Press, titled "[London homeless crisis demands pandemic-like response.](#)"

**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:*

- May 1** Participated in a meeting regarding revising medical directives and processes for immunoglobulin.

- Participated in a meeting regarding a revised model for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- May 2** Participated in a meeting regarding the operationalization of a Management Operating System.
- May 3** Attended a meeting to discuss revising agency orientation at MLHU.
- May 4** Chaired the Healthy Living divisional leadership meeting.
- May 8** Participated in a meeting regarding the centralized ordering project for MLHU.  
Attended a meeting to finalize MLHU's STI strategy.
- May 11** Attended a Provisional Planning Sponsor check-in meeting.  
Attended a SDOH Project Sponsor meeting.
- May 12** Attended a meeting regarding a project on clinical process improvements involving students from Fanshawe College.
- May 16** Attended the monthly Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Team leadership meeting.
- May 17** Attended a project kick-off meeting for the project on clinical process improvements involving students from Fanshawe College.
- May 18** Attended the monthly surveillance meeting.  
Chaired the Healthy Living divisional leadership meeting.
- May 24** Attended the Public Health Foundation divisional leadership meeting.
- May 26** Participated in a meeting regarding case and contact management for HIV.  
Participated in a meeting regarding determining common interventions.  
Participated in an update meeting regarding a revised model for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- May 29** Chaired the meeting of the First Nations Communities Working Group.
- May 31** Participated in a meeting regarding determining common interventions.
- June 1** Chaired the Healthy Living divisional leadership meeting.
- June 6** Orientated and met with Infectious Disease Resident.
- June 16** Orientated and met with Infectious Disease Resident and Public Health Resident.
- June 19** Attended a meeting to finalize the agency STI strategy.
- June 23** Participated in the Staff Summer Social.

- June 28** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Cynthia Bos, Manager, Human Resources to discuss daily program operations.
- Attended the Social Determinants of Health Project Sponsor Meeting.
- Attended the Steering Committee Meeting for the Intervention Description/Indicator Development Project.
- July 4** Orientated and met with Infectious Disease Resident.
- Orientated and met with Pre-clerkship Medical Student.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Sarah Webb, Manager, Community Outreach and Clinical Supports to discuss daily program operations.
- July 6** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Andrew Powell, Manager, Safe Water, Rabies, and Vector Borne Diseases to discuss daily program operations.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Ronda Manning, Manager, Early Years Community Health Promotion to discuss daily program operations.
- Attended the Healthy Living Division Leadership meeting.
- July 7** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Dave Pavletic, Manager, Food Safety and Healthy Environments to discuss daily program operations.

**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.*

- May 9** Participated in an Infectious Diseases Journal Club regarding Doxycycline PEP for STI prevention.
- May 10** Attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Clinical Day in Family Medicine.
- May 17** Participated in the fifth LEADS training session.
- June 12 & 14** Attended the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' Annual Conference.
- June 16** Participated in career day with Public Health and Preventative Medicine Residents at University of Toronto.
- June 20** Participated in the PHO Rounds, MpoX: Outbreak, Response, and Vaccine Effectiveness.

**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:*

**May 9** Attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and executive meetings.

**May 11** Attended the May Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

**May 17** Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.

Attended a COMOH Public Health Priorities Forum meeting.

**May 18** Attended the May Board of Health meeting.

**May 30** Attended an MOH/CEO Budget Discussion meeting.

**June 5** Attended the Executive Meeting with the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

**June 19** Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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