



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 JULY AND AUGUST

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 55-23 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for July and August” for information.*

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of July 9, 2023 – August 31, 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:*

- July 11** Attended a meeting of the Public Health Sector Coordinating Table.
- July 12** Attended a Strategy and Accountability Table meeting as part of the Whole of Community Response Plan.
- July 14** Interview with Mary Eseoghene, Fanshawe Interrobang, regarding the importance of students in London getting the influenza vaccine as well as information about the COVID-19 vaccine in the fall.
- July 23** Participated in the London Pride Parade.
- July 27** Attended the monthly COMOH Executive meeting.
- July 31** Interview with Kate Dubinski, CBC London, regarding the Board of Health report about modernizing the alcohol marketplace and product sales.  
  
Attended presentations by Fanshawe students conducting a project on clinical process improvements.
- August 2** Attended a Strategy and Accountability Table meeting as part of the Whole of Community Response Plan.

- August 3** Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- August 4** Met with Lynne Livingstone, Manager, City of London.
- August 8** With Emily Williams, CEO, Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, and Sarah Maaten, Director, Public Health Foundations, met with representatives from London Health Sciences Center regarding public health information systems.
- August 9** Participated in a call with Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, and Brent Moloughney, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health.
- Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press, regarding a COVID-19 update for the fall.
- August 11** Met with Middlesex-London Paramedic Services to discuss the Middlesex Paramedic Outreach Program.
- August 14** Interview with Mike Stubbs, 980 CFPL, regarding back to school and vaccines.
- Met with Megan Walker to discuss intimate partner and gender-based violence in London-Middlesex.
- August 16** Met with Andrew Lockie, CEO, YMCA Southwestern Ontario.
- August 18** Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
- Met with Dr. Al Mutawa, London Health Sciences Centre, to discuss providing a joint session on outbreaks and public health for first year medical students.
- August 23** Attended a meeting to prepare for participating in the Health and Homelessness Whole of Community Response Community Engagement sessions.
- August 24** Participated in a provincial Public Health Leadership Table meeting, organized by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- August 25** Interview with Allison Devereaux, CBC London, regarding COVID-19 in the fall.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- Attended a meeting with the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- August 29** Attended a meeting of the Urban Public Health Network Strategic Planning Committee.
- August 30** Met with Sean Warren, London InterCommunity Health Centre, Care Facilitator, Safer Opioid Supply Program.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Mary Choi, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health, Peel Region Public Health.
- Interview with Bryan Bicknell, CTV London, to comment on an op-ed about safe supply.

With Alison Locker, Manager, Population Health Assessment and Surveillance team and Shaya Dhinsa, Manager, Sexual Health, attended a meeting to discuss MLHU's participation in the Tracks PWID Phase 5 Study, organized by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Attended a meeting with regional Medical Officers of Health.

**August 31** Attended a Strategy and Accountability Table meeting as part of the Whole of Community Response Plan.

Participated in a Health and Homelessness Whole of Community Response Community Engagement session.

**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:*

**July 10** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Julie Goverde, Acting Manager, Community Health Promotion team to discuss daily program operations.

With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Rhonda Brittan, Acting Manager, Healthy Beginnings Visiting and Group Programs team to discuss daily program operations.

Attended the monthly Social Determinants of Health Project Sponsor meeting.

**July 12** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Anita Cramp, Manager, Secondary School team to discuss daily program operations.

**July 13** Attended the monthly Provisional Plan sponsor check-in meeting.

Attended a meeting to discuss the Social Determinants of Health Project and its implementation with the Infectious Disease Control team.

**July 14** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Alison Locker, Manager, Population Health Assessment and Surveillance team to discuss daily program operations.

**July 20** Participated in a call with Heather Lokko, Acting Chief Nursing Officer, London Health Sciences Centre.

**July 31** Met with and provided orientation to a Pre-clerkship Medical Student.

**August 3** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Tracey Gordon, Manager, Vaccine Preventable Diseases team to discuss daily program operations.

**August 9** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Amanda Harvey, Manager, Strategy, Planning, and Performance team to discuss daily program operations.

With Emily Williams, CEO, David Jansseune, Assistant Director, Finance, Sarah Maaten, Director, Public Health Foundations, and Amanda Harvey, Manager, Strategy, Planning and Performance, attended a meeting to discuss key performance indicators and budget reporting.

- August 10** Participated in a meeting to discuss a fall vaccine campaign.
- August 11** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Isabel Resendes, Jennifer Wyscarver, and Rebecca Evans, Management team, Best Beginnings, Healthy Babies Healthy Children West team, to discuss daily program operations.
- August 14** Attended a meeting to discuss work with the Health Unit's work in food systems.  
Attended the monthly Social Determinants of Health Project Sponsor meeting.
- August 16** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Linda Stobo, Manager, Substance Use Program team to discuss daily program operations.
- August 17** Attended the monthly Provisional Plan Sponsor meeting.
- August 18** With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with David Jansseune, Assistant Director, Finance team to discuss daily program operations.
- August 24** Attended a meeting to discuss the work of the MOS Implementation Working Group.
- August 28** Chaired the meeting of the First Nations Communities Working Group.
- August 29** Attended a meeting to discuss MLHU's Medical Education Policy.  
Attended a meeting to discuss on-call coverage and scheduling for 2024.

**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.*

- July 20** Participated in the PHO Grand Rounds, Measuring Climate Resilience of Health Systems.
- August 8** Participated in the PHO Grand Rounds, Blood Donor Surveillance.

**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:*

- July 11** Attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and executive meetings.
- July 14** Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.
- July 20** Attended the July Governance Committee meeting.  
Attended the July Board of Health meeting.

- August 1** Attended a meeting with Emily Williams, CEO, Michael Steele, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair to discuss meeting with local MPPs.
- August 10** Attended the August Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, met with MPP Peggy Sattler.
- August 15** With Donna Kosmack, Manager, Oral Health and Warren Dallin, Manager, Procurement and Operations, presented a delegation to the Middlesex County Council meeting regarding the Strathroy Dental Clinic.
- August 16** With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, met with MPP Teresa Armstrong.
- August 17** Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.
- August 20** With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, attended a delegation with Minister Michael Parsa and Associate Minister Charmaine Williams, Children, Community and Social Services.
- August 21-23** Attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual General Meeting and Conference.
- August 21** With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, attended a delegation with the Green Party of Ontario caucus.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, attended a delegation with the Ontario Liberal Party caucus.
- August 22** With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, attended a delegation with Minister Sylvia Jones, Health.
- With Emily Williams, CEO, and Matt Newton-Reid, Board Chair, attended a delegation with the New Democratic Party of Ontario caucus.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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