



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 SEPTEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 61-23 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for September” for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of September 1, 2023 – September 30, 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:*

September 1 Presented a guest lecture for the Leadership Summer Rounds for the University of Toronto Public Health and Preventive Medicine program.

September 5 Participated in a Health and Homelessness Whole of Community Response Community Engagement session.

September 7 Attended the COMOHE Executive meeting.

September 8 Participated in a filmed segment for the Movement for Change campaign as part of the Whole of Community System Response.

September 11 Participated in a call with Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Attended a Home Care Modernization update webinar provided by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with Home and Community Care Support Services and Ontario Health.

Participated in a call with Dr. Tamara Wallington, Chief, Health Promotion and Environmental Health Officer, Public Health Ontario.

- September 12** Participated in the Public Health Sector Coordination Table meeting arranged by the Ministry of Health.
- September 13** Attended a quarterly meeting with the London-Middlesex Primary Care Alliance.
- Interview with Mike Stubbs, Global NewsRadio AM 980, regarding the Moderna XBB COVID-19 vaccine eligibility.
- Participated in a meeting of the Performance Dialogue and Goal Setting Advisory Committee for Western University.
- September 15** Attended the COMOHE Executive meeting.
- September 18** Participated in the monthly Southwest Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health meeting.
- September 19** Participated in an MLHU Healthcare Provider Webinar.
- September 20** Interview with Sophia Schiefler, Western Gazette, regarding a COVID-19 update for the fall.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Maxwell Smith regarding a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Applied Public Health Chair program regarding ethics in health emergencies.
- September 21** Participated in the alpha Board meeting and alpha strategic planning session.
- September 22** Lectured at Western University as part of the Developing Healthy Communities course.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- September 25** Met with Dr. Diane Dymon, community family physician.
- Participated in London Children's Hospital's fall preparedness exercise.
- September 26** With Emily Williams, CEO, Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Mary Lou Albanese, Director, Environmental Health and Infectious Diseases, Shaya Dhinsa, Manager, Sexual Health and Linda Stobo, Manager, Substance Use Program team, facilitated an on-site meeting with the London InterCommunity Health Centre.
- September 29** With Emily Williams, CEO, attended a breakfast meeting at Fanshawe College regarding emergency preparedness.

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:*

September 7 With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Ryan Fawcett, Manager, Privacy, Risk, and Client Relations team to discuss daily program operations.

Attended the monthly Intervention Description and Indicator Development project meeting.

September 8 With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Pat Harford, Manager, Information Technology team to discuss daily program operations.

September 13 With Emily Williams, CEO, facilitated a meeting with Warren Dallin, Manager, Operations and Procurement team to discuss daily program operations.

September 14 Attended the monthly Healthy Living divisional leadership meeting.

September 18 Attended the Management Operating System (MOS) Steering Committee meeting.

September 19 With Emily Williams, CEO, met with leaders to review the 2024 budget planning process.

With Emily Williams, CEO met with union leaders from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) to discuss 2024 budget planning process.

September 20 With Emily Williams, CEO, hosted a Special Town Hall meeting to explain the 2024 budget impacts and associated planning process with all staff.

September 25 Met with Linda Stobo, Manager, Substance Use Program team and Rhonda Brittan, Acting Manager, Healthy Beginnings Visiting and Group Programs to discuss the Community Alcohol and Drug Strategy.

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.

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.*

September 21 Participated in a presentation by the London InterCommunity Health Centre regarding the Safer Opioid Supply Program.

September 27 Attended the Basic Emergency Management training program.

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:*

September 7 With Emily Williams, CEO, and Board Chair Matthew Newton-Reid, attended a meeting with members of MPP Monte McNaughton’s office.

September 14 Attended the September Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

With Emily Williams, CEO and the Executive Assistant to the Board of Health, attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and executive meeting with the Vice-Chair of the Board, Michael Steele.

September 15 With Emily Williams, CEO, Board Chair Matthew Newton-Reid, and Board Vice-Chair Michael Steele, attended a meeting with MPP Terence Kernaghan.

September 18 With Emily Williams, CEO, met with Mayor of Middlesex Centre/Board Member Aina DeViet to discuss the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Health Transformation Task Force.

September 21 Attended the September Governance Committee meeting.

Attended the September Board of Health meeting.

September 22 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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