



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 OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 75-23 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for October” for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of October 6 – November 2, 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:*

- October 10** Attended a meeting with Indigenous Health Partners, the Associate Medical Officer of Health, the Manager, Health Equity and Indigenous Reconciliation and Health Promotion Specialist at the Chippewa Health Centre to discuss priorities for data sharing and collaboration.
- October 12** Accepted a donation of \$2,125 from the Forest City Kiwanis Club with the Chief Nursing Officer/Director of Healthy Start to support families within the Nurse Family Partnership and Smart Start for Babies programs.
- October 13** Lectured at Western University as part of the Developing Healthy Communities course, within the Master of Public Health program.
- October 16** Attended the Middlesex County Emergency Management Preparedness meeting and exercise.

Attended monthly Southwestern Region Medical Officers of Health/Associate Medical Officers of Health meeting, hosted by Huron Perth Public Health.
- October 18** Lectured at Western University as part of the Leading People and Organizations in Public Health course, within the Master of Public Health program.

- October 19** Media interview with Mike Stubbs (980 CFPL) on the opioid crisis in Middlesex-London.
- October 20** Lectured at Western University as part of the Developing Healthy Communities course, within the Master of Public Health program.
- October 30** Media interview with Devon Peacock (Global News Radio) on upcoming COVID-19 vaccine eligibility.
- Attended a meeting hosted by London Health Sciences Centre on adolescent sexual health care.
- October 31** Media interviews with Larry Corines (London Free Press), Mauricio Prado (Interrobang Fanshawe) and Travis Dolynny (CBC London) on upcoming COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and respiratory season.
- November 1** Attended Family Medicine Grand Rounds hosted by London Health Sciences Centre.

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:*

- October 11** Attended an Intervention Description and Indicator Development project meeting on Alignment to Common Intervention Types within the Substance Use Program.
- October 12** Hosted all staff office hours with the Chief Executive Officer.
- October 13** Attended the Management Operating System (MOS) Steering Committee meeting.
- Met with incoming visiting resident elective student and the Associate Medical Officer of Health.
- October 17** Attended monthly Management meeting.
- October 18** Hosted a Special Town Hall meeting with the Chief Executive Officer and Manager, Human Resources to explain labour relations processes relating to the 2024 budget.
- October 19** Met with the Manager, Elementary School Health to discuss day to day operations within the program.
- October 23** Met with incoming medical student and the Associate Medical Officer of Health.
- November 2** Hosted all staff office hours with the Chief Executive Officer.

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.*

October 24-27 Attended the Urban Public Health Network Annual Meeting in Montreal.

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:*

October 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.

October 19 Attended the October Board of Health meeting.

October 23 Attended the monthly one-on-one meeting with the Board Chair.

November 1 Welcomed a new Board of Health member with the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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