

February 5, 2024

Stacey Laforest Chair, Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors c/o Health Protection Division Public Health Sudbury & Districts 1300 Paris Street Sudbury, ON P3E 3A3

Re: One-Time Funding Opportunities to Support PHI Practicum Positions

Dear Ms. Laforest,

At the January 18, 2024 meeting, under Correspondence item <u>f</u>), the Middlesex-London Board of Health moved to endorse the following item:

Date: December 22, 2023

Topic: One-Time Funding Opportunities to Support PHI Practicum Positions **From:** Stacey Laforest, Chair, Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors

To: Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch

The Middlesex-London Board of Health acknowledges that health human resources in all sectors of the health industry are scarce, especially those requiring specialized training such as Public Health Inspectors (PHI). The Middlesex-London Board of Health further recognizes the importance of PHI practicums as part of ensuring both their certification from the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, and the viability of this important pipeline for PHI talent in local public health agencies. Ongoing provincial funding support for those PHI practicums is therefore vital.

Please advise how we can further support your advocacy.

Sincerely,

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