



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT MAINTAINS HIGHEST STANDARD OF ACCREDITATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 009-13 re “Middlesex-London Health Unit Maintains Highest Standard of Accreditation” be received for information.

Key Points

- Following the annual site visit and review, the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) awarded the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) the highest standard of Accreditation: Unconditional Accreditation Status for 2012-2013.

On December 11, 2012, the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) board announced its decision to award the Health Unit the highest standard of Accreditation: “Unconditional Accreditation Status” for 2012-2013 (see [Appendix A](#) for OCCHA Accreditation Annual Review Summary).

As part of the three-year accreditation cycle, OCCHA surveyors visited the Health Unit on October 1, 2012 to conduct an annual site visit. This visit included a review of Health Unit programs and services operational plans, outcome reports, research activities and community collaboration. The surveyors also reviewed the Board’s progress on its strategic plan, as well as Board member orientation, attendance, educational activities and compliance with Organizational Standards.

Featured Programs and Services

A number of Health Unit programs and activities were featured as examples during the 2012-2013 site visit:

- Adventures in Sex City Game Part 2
- Hepatitis C Health Care Provider Workshop
- Nicotine Replacement Therapy Pilot
- Methadone Maintenance Best Practices Workshop
- Food Handler Training Evaluation
- Building the Case for Smoke-Free Public Outdoor Spaces Technical Report
- Sex Workers Forum
- SafeGrad Workshop
- Child & Youth Network Involvement

- Environmental Land Use Planning program
- All-Ages Provincial Bicycle Helmet Legislation Petition
- Building a Healthy Workplace: Blueprint for Success Report
- Media Relations Summary
- Bed Bug Program Review
- Parkhill Vector-Borne Disease Management
- Healthy Smiles Ontario Marketing Campaign
- Engaging Youth to Build Healthy School Communities Conference

Extension Request

The year 2012 concluded the 3-year accreditation cycle. The first year of the next cycle requires intensive preparatory work for a new application. Prior to beginning this preparatory work, the Health Unit is consulting with the OCCHA Board regarding options for the upcoming year's accreditation. Given the current transitional leadership, the possibility of extending the current cycle with OCCHA for one additional year is being explored with the OCCHA Board.

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