

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Bryna Warshawsky, Acting Medical Officer of Health

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**ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT –
JANUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 030-13 re “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report - January 10 – February 11, 2013” be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health from January 10 – February 11, 2013. It is divided into activities related to the role of Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, and activities related to the role of the Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services.

Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

In the past month, considerable attention has been devoted to the announcement of the new Medical Officer of Health including attending the staff and media announcement on February 5.

Two meetings were held with the London Free Press (January 10 and January 14) to discuss the relationship with this important media outlet.

Work continues on the Shared Services Review. A meeting was held with the Board Chair, Mr. Marcel Meyer; Mr. John Millson, Director Finance and Operations; and representatives from the City of London and Middlesex County to discuss the Shared Services Review (January 22). The engagement letter or contract for Phase 1 and 2 of the project has been finalized and signed, and a kick-off meeting was held on February 8 involving Mr. John Millson; Mr. Rick Shantz, Director, Information Technology; and Ms. Louise Tyler, Director Human Resources and Labour Relations, and PricewaterhouseCoopers staff members from London and Toronto.

A Board of Health orientation session was held on January 16 with Board of Health members Councillor Stephen Orser, Councillor Sandy White and Ms. Trish Fulton.

Other activities related to this role have included:

• **Community and Health Unit Events / Meetings:**

- **Agency Orientation** – Provided an overview of public health and the Office of the Medical Officer of Health to new Health Unit staff members (January 14);
- **Funding Review Working Group** - Attended this teleconference with Mr. John Millson on preliminary findings of a provincial working groups assessing public health funding (January 14) (see [Report No. 024-13](#) for additional details);
- **Baby Friendly Initiative Advisory Group Meeting** - Attended this Advisory Group intended to support the breast feeding initiative, along with internal Health Unit and external community members (January 15);
- **State of the City Address** - Attended the address by the Honorable Joe Fontana regarding the state of the City with Mr. John Millson and Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications (January 22);

- **Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee** - Attended this City of London committee meeting with Mr. John Millson where the Health Unit's budget was reviewed (January 24). Mr. Millson answered questions about the Health Unit's budget;
- **Organizational Health and Vitality Strategic Action Group** - Attended a half-day facilitated discussion with the Directors to discuss organizational culture (January 25);
- **Public Health Ontario Strategic Planning Half Day** – Attended this meeting in Sarnia with several Health Unit staff members and health units from Southwest Ontario to provide input into Public Health Ontario's second strategic plan for 2014-2019 (January 29) (see [Report No. 024-13](#) for additional details);
- **Regional HIV / AIDS Connection Board / Staff Dinner** – Attended on January 31;

Associate MOH / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health

Local influenza activity continued but at decreasing levels during this time period, however, provincial influenza activity peaked during this time resulting in several provincial teleconferences (January 11 and 15). Work continued to review and update the Immunization Medical Directives as a result of changes in national recommendations released in December 2012 (February 4). The Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health chaired a meeting of this service area on January 31, 2013 where a presentation was made on social media by Mr. Dan Flaherty; Mr. Alex Tym, Online Communication Coordinator; and Ms. Brenda Marchuk, Community Health Nursing Specialist. Other activities of the Associate Medical Officer of Health include:

- **Presentations:**
 - **Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee - Immunization (PIDAC-I)** – Presentation on changes to the Canadian Immunization Guide (January 16);
 - **Pathology Assistant Students** – Lecture on Public Health and Communicable Disease (January 22);
 - **Fluoride meeting in Windsor** – Presented on fluoride and human health to Windsor City Council (January 28).
- **Medical Student Teaching:**
 - Supervised a two-week placement for a third year Medical Students (January 21 – February 1).
- **Immunization Advisory Work:**
 - **Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee – Immunization (PIDAC – I)** - Attended portions of this two-day meeting via teleconference (January 16 and 17);
 - **Advisory Committee on Immunization System:** Attended a portion of this meeting via teleconference (January 24);
 - **Developing Evidence-Based Vaccine Recommendations:** Participated in a teleconference of a working group of the Public Health Agency of Canada to consider methods of developing consistent evidence-based vaccine recommendation across several federal committees (January 30);
 - **National Advisory Committee on Immunization:** Chaired a two-day meeting on February 6 and 7 in Ottawa and attended four teleconferences (January 10, 23, 28 and February 4).

Note:

The Acting Medical Officer of Health will be on vacation from March 8 to March 15, inclusive. Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health for the Chatham Kent Public Health Unit, who also provides on call coverage for the Middlesex-London Health Unit, has agreed to provide Medical Officer of Health coverage during this time.



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