



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 112-12 re Volunteer Resources be received for information.

Background

For more than 35 years, volunteers at the Health Unit have freely given their time with a spirit of service, creativity, strong moral values and a keen sense of community. By bringing their exceptional leadership, interpersonal, discipline and communication skills, they help to carry out the mission of promoting wellness, preventing disease and injury and protecting Middlesex-London's health through the delivery of public health programs and services.

Year-End Summary

The Volunteer Development Committee met two times during the past year. Members of the Committee are: Ms. Mary Bambrick, Volunteer; Ms. Lucy Corsaut, Volunteer; Ms. Marlene Harris, Volunteer; Ms. Marie Lawson, Volunteer; Mr. Reg Thibault, Volunteer; Ms. Janet Connolly, Public Health Nurse; Ms. Jane Tyers, Public Health Nurse; and Ms. Gayle Riedl, Human Resources Officer. In October 2011, the Committee was saddened to learn of the death of Marie Lawson. Her death was a great loss to the Committee and the Health Unit.

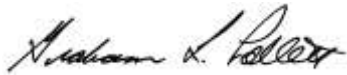
From September 2011 until June 2012, Health Unit volunteers logged over 6,000 hours of service. They worked with the following Teams: Vaccine Preventable Disease, Reproductive and Early Years Program, Child Health (within the Child and Youth Program), Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, and Environmental Health. Two new Community Emergency Response Volunteer (CERV) teams, Echo and Foxtrot, were brought on in September 2011. The addition of these two new teams bring, the total number of CERV teams to six, with a total of 63 CERV volunteers.

For many years, the Health Unit has valued volunteers from Hutton House to help assemble packages for the Let's Grow Program. This work ended in December 2011. Recognizing the importance of keeping this family of volunteers together and with the aim of maintaining their self-esteem and purpose, the Health Unit and Hutton House have built a partnership with the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection. The partnership includes the volunteers doing a combination of tasks for the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and the Health Unit while undertaking the work at the 50 King Street office. The goal of keeping this team of volunteers together, maintaining their self-worth and value, and helping two organizations is a great success.

In recognition and in honour of volunteer support, the Health Unit hosted a Volunteer Reception on May 17, 2011, at which Board Chair, Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery, expressed words of appreciation on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Riedl continues to be an active member of the London and Area Association of Volunteer Administration and the Ontario Public Health Volunteer Resource Management Network.

This Report was prepared by Ms. Gayle Riedl, Human Resources Officer.

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