



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 –
SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 10, 2012**

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 121-12 re “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – September 14 - October 10, 2012” be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health from September 14 to October 10, 2012. It is divided into activities related to the role of Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, and the role of Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Services.

Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

Much of the work in the past month has been devoted to becoming familiar with the responsibilities of this new acting role. This has involved meeting with many of the Directors, Managers and staff members and who report directly to this position to learn about their current workloads and ongoing issues. Other activities related to this role have included:

- **Child and Youth Network:** Attended a meeting of the London System Reengineering Implementation Committee (September 27)
- **Outdoor Spaces Smoking By-Law:** Attended Community Services Committee (October 1) and City Council (October 9) where this issue was deliberated; attended with Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control, and Mr. Wally Adams, Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services
- **Regional HIV / AIDS Connection (RHAC):** As a new RHAC Board member (assuming a position formerly held by Dr. Pollett), attended a Board orientation session (September 18) and a Board meeting (September 19)
- **Budget update for staff members:** Prepared a written budget update for staff members with the assistance of the Directors’ Committee and Mr. Dan Flaherty, Communications Manager; Conducted an information session for staff members on the Health Unit’s budget with Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations (October 1)
- **Release of the Community Health Status Resources:** Preparation for and presentation at the release of the Community Health Status Resource on October 9 with the Health Unit Epidemiologists, several Directors and Mr. Dan Flaherty, Communications Manager

Associate Medical Officer of Health / Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health

The work in this area has been focused on assisting Managers, staff and community health care providers with arising communicable disease issues including variant H1N1 influenza, hepatitis A, HIV, animal exposures and possible meningococcal disease. The variant H1N1 influenza situation involved numerous teleconferences to assist in the provincial response. Several communications were also prepared for local health care providers regarding arising communicable disease and vaccination issues. These are accessible on line at <http://healthunit.com/sectionList.aspx?sectionID=1214> . As well, in preparation for the annual influenza immunization clinics, materials for the public and nursing staff were reviewed and revised with the assistance of Ms. Marlene Price, Manager, Vaccine Preventable Disease. Other activities related to this role have included:

- **Recruitment:** Participated in the second interview (September 14) and finalized the hiring of a new Oral Health Manager
- **Meetings:** Chaired a meeting of the Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Service (September 27); Attended an outbreak meeting at a long term care facility (October 1) with staff members and Mr. Tristan Squire-Smith, Manager, Infectious Disease Control Team
- **Presentations** were provided on: Influenza at a long term care facility work shop organized by the Health Unit (September 25); Influenza to third-year nursing students who will be assisting at Health Unit influenza immunization clinics (September 30); Fluoride to rounds at the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Western University (September 30)
- **Teaching:** Supervised placements for second year community medicine resident (August 28 to September 24) and a fourth year medical student (October 1 to 12).
- **Immunization Advisory Work:** Chaired the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) meeting from October 3-5 in Ottawa

A half-day of vacation was taken on September 18, 2012.



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