



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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ACCREDITATION – 2012 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND SITE VISIT

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 124-12 re “Accreditation – 2012 Annual Questionnaire and Site Visit” be received for information.

Annual Questionnaire

For the past two years, the Health Unit has been awarded Unconditional Accreditation from the Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA), representing the highest level of achievement. The 2012 site visit represents the third and final visit in OCCHA’s three year cycle, and the Board of Health will need to decide whether or not it wishes to pursue Accreditation again in 2013. The Health Unit completed and submitted the questionnaire to OCCHA on September 20, 2012 (attached as [Appendix A](#)). The questionnaire featured examples of projects completed in the past 12-24 months that demonstrated ongoing compliance with the OCCHA Standards. This included excellence in:

1. Collaboration (Standard 10B/C):
 - a. Adventures in Sex City: Part II
 - b. Hepatitis C Care Provider Workshop
2. Knowledge Exchange (Standard 11B):
 - a. Nicotine Replacement Therapy
 - b. Methadone Maintenance Workshop
3. Planning & Implementation (Standard 12F):
 - a. Food Handler Training Evaluation
 - b. Building the Case for Smoke-Free Public Outdoor Spaces Technical Report
4. Health Promotion (Standard 13A/B/C):
 - a. Sex Workers Forum
 - b. SafeGrad Workshop
 - c. Engaging Youth to Build Healthy School Communities Conference
 - d. Ending Poverty Pilot Project
 - e. Environmental Land Use Planning
 - f. Bicycle Helmet Resolutions

5. Monitoring & Evaluation (Standard 15C):
 - a. Health at Work 4 All! Resources
 - b. Media Relations
 - c. Bed Bug Program Review
6. Health Hazards & Risk Management (Standard 16B):
 - a. Mosquitoes in Parkhill
7. External Communications (Standard 18A):
 - a. Healthy Smiles Ontario

2012 Site Visit

The Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation surveyors conducted their annual visit to the Health Unit on October 1st to a) review progress on the 2011 follow-up items, and b) appraise the Health Unit's evidence of ongoing achievement of the standards. For the second time in a row, the evidence-review process was paperless. The results of the visit were discussed with staff during an informal debriefing, and the official results will be sent to the Health Unit in early 2013.

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