

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 15-25

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 15-25 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for January” for information.

The following report highlights the activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of January 10 – February 6, 2025.

The Medical Officer of Health provides oversight of all public health programs at the Middlesex-London Health Unit and co-chairs the Senior Leadership Team. The Medical Officer of Health participates in a wide range of external and internal meetings, along with liaising with community partners and municipal and provincial stakeholders.

The Medical Officer of Health, along with other team members, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following meetings:

Public Health Excellence– *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH’s work regarding public health threats and issues; population health measures; the use of health status data; evidence-informed decision making; and the delivery of mandated and locally needed public health services as measured by accountability indicators*

- January 15** Chaired an internal planning meeting with regards to the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- Participated in an internal meeting regarding tobacco enforcement initiatives.
- January 16** Participated in an internal meeting regarding healthy public policy options related to social media use among children and youth.
- January 23** Participated in an internal meeting regarding cold weather alerts and temporary emergency warming centres.

Attended an overview session on highly pathogenic avian influenza, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.

January 24 With Scott Courtice, Executive Director, London InterCommunity Health Centre, co-chaired the meeting of the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.

January 27 Participated in the meeting of the School Health Coordination Committee.

Community Engagement, Partner Relations, and System Leadership – *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH's representation of the Health Unit in the community and engagement with local, provincial and national stakeholders both in health and community arenas, along with engagements with local media.*

January 10 Interview with Mike Stubbs, Global News AM980, regarding the influenza vaccine.

January 14 Participated in a planning meeting for the 2025 "The Ontario Public Health Conference" (TOPHC), facilitated by Public Health Ontario.

Attended a meeting of the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Governance Sub-Committee.

January 15 With Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, and City of London Councillor David Ferreira, met to discuss warming centres and potential responses to cold weather alerts for housing deprived individuals.

January 16 Participated in the City of London Whole of Community Response, Health and Homelessness Strategy and Accountability Table meeting.

January 17 Chaired the inaugural meeting of the Middlesex-London Healthy System Emergency Management Table.

January 20-21 With Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, attending the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference.

January 21 With Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, and representatives from the City of London, attended a delegation with Deputy Minister of Health, Deborah Richardson, and Chief of Staff to the Minister of Health, Blair Hains.

January 23 Participated in the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.

January 24 With representation from the City of London, participated in a call to discuss municipal water fluoridation.

Participated in a call with Dr. Ariella Zbar, Fraser Health, regarding public health intervention descriptions.

January 28 With Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, participated in a budget consultation with representation from the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

February 3 Participated in a call regarding the City of London Whole of Community Response, Health and Homelessness Strategy and Accountability Table.

Employee Engagement and Teaching – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH creates a positive work environment, engages with employees, and supports employee education, leadership development, mentorship, graduate student teaching, medical students or resident teaching activities.*

January 13 With Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, received training on the Blue Rover system for vaccine refrigerators to ensure the cold chain for vaccines.

Met with a medical student to provide mentorship.

January 17 Met with a medical student to provide mentorship.

January 23 Met with a public health and preventive medicine resident during their rotation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

January 29 Met with a public health and preventive medicine resident during their rotation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

February 3 Met with a public health and preventive medicine resident during their rotation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Organizational Excellence – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH is ensuring the optimal performance of the organization, including prudent management of human and financial resources, effective business processes, responsive risk management and good governance.*

January 15 Attended the January Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting.

January 17 Attended the monthly touch base meeting with the Board of Health Chair.

January 29 Participated in the monthly Management Operating System/Intervention Description and Indicator Development Steering Committee meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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This report refers to the following principle(s) set out in Policy G-490, Appendix A:

- The Good Governance and Management Practices Domain as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#).

This topic has been reviewed to be in alignment with goals under the Middlesex-London Health Unit's [Anti-Black Racism Plan](#) and [Taking Action for Reconciliation](#), specifically the Governance and Leadership (ABRP) section.