

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 19-25

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2025 March 20

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 19-25 re: "Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for February" for information.

The following report highlights the activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of February 7 – March 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*

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| February 10 | Attended a meeting of the internal Substance Use Coordination Committee. |
| | Chaired an internal debrief meeting regarding the inaugural Middlesex-London Health System Emergency Management Table. |
| February 27 | Participated in an internal meeting regarding the role of public health units in childhood vaccination. |
| March 4 | Chaired an internal planning meeting with regards to the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee. |

March 5 Participated in an internal meeting to explore the use of the RAVE mass notification system in case and contact management.

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.*

February 10 With Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, met with City of London Councillor Pelosa regarding the Middlesex-London Health Unit budget.

February 11 Participated in the monthly Public Health Sector Coordination Table meeting, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.

February 13 Participated in a tour of Joan's Place, an affordable housing project by Youth Opportunities Unlimited.

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

Chaired an internal meeting to discuss Middlesex-London Health Unit partnerships with local school boards.

February 14 Attended the Council of Medical Officers of Health section meeting.

February 18 Participated in a planning meeting for the 2025 "The Ontario Public Health Conference" (TOPHC), facilitated by Public Health Ontario.

February 19 With Dr. Joanne Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, met with Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health for Lambton Public Health, to discuss the Middlesex-London Health Unit providing coverage for the Medical Officer of Health while away.

February 20 Participated in a meeting with Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Associate Medical Officer of Health at Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, to discuss quality improvement and performance measurement.

February 21 Presented a guest lecture for the Western Senior Alumni Program.

February 25 With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health and Isabel Resendes, Manager, Healthy Babies Healthy Children, hosted and provided a presentation on public health and Middlesex-London Health Unit programming for women and families to a delegation from Cambodia, facilitated by the County of Middlesex.

February 26 Met with Andrew Lockie, Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario.

Interview with Chirag Singhal, Western Gazette, regarding avian influenza.

- February 27** Participated in the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.
- Hosted City of London Councillor Ferreira for a tour of the Middlesex-London Health Unit London offices.
- March 3** Met with Martin McIntosh, Executive Director, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the 2025 “The Ontario Public Health Conference” (TOPHC), facilitated by Public Health Ontario.
- Interview with Nyna Jayavarshita, Western Gazette, regarding student smoking rates.
- March 4** Interview with Mike Stubbs, CFPL 980, regarding measles rates and exposures.
- March 5** Participated in a meeting of a working group of the Middlesex-London Health System Emergency Management Table regarding respiratory illness surges.
- March 6** Attended a meeting related to measles, facilitated by Public Health Ontario.

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.*

- February 12** With Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, co-chaired a Senior Leadership Team Planning Day.
- February 13** Met with a public health and preventive medicine resident during their rotation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit.
- February 19** Met with a student to provide mentorship regarding career in medicine and public health.
- February 20** Met with a public health and preventive medicine resident during their rotation with the Middlesex-London Health Unit.
- March 4** Met with a medical student to provide mentorship.
- March 5** Attended a meeting of the Infectious Disease Residency Training Program Committee.
- March 6** Participated in a meeting with students from Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry reviewing their systematic reviews as part of a course project.
- 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.*

- February 10** Attended the February Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting.
- February 20** Attended the monthly touch base meeting with the Board of Health Chair.
- Attended the February Quality and Governance Committee meeting.
- Attended the February Board of Health meeting.
- March 3** Participated in internal meetings to coordinate the operational response to a Microsoft outage which impacted internal applications such as email.
- March 6** Attended a meeting regarding the Middlesex-London Health Unit Strategic Planning project.

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.