

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 45-24

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 MAY 2024

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 45-24 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for May 2024” for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of May 2 to June 7, 2024.

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*

May 21 Attended the Public Health Ontario educational session, “Update on Ontario’s New Tick-Borne Diseases.”

May 22 Participated in a meeting regarding the internal action items from the Community Drug and Alcohol Committee meeting.

May 23 Participated in a meeting regarding the IPAC Hubs.

Attended the Public Health Ontario educational session, “2023 Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Public Health in Ontario.”

- May 27** Participated in an internal planning meeting regarding Provincial changes in alcohol policy.
- May 29** Participated in a meeting regarding the MLHU's submission for public health consultation on the OPHS review.
- May 30** Attended the monthly Management Operating System (MOS) Steering Committee meeting.

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.*

- May 10** Participated in the monthly COMO Executive meeting.
- May 13** Co-chaired the meeting of the Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- May 14** Attended an introductory meeting with the incoming City Manager for the City of London.
- Participated in a meeting of the Urban Public Health Network (UPHN) Strategic Planning Sub-Committee.
- Participated in the monthly Public Health Sector Coordination Table meeting, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- May 15** Participated in a call regarding the external program SupportRx.
- Participated in a call with the London InterCommunity Health Centre.
- May 16** Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
- Met with Kelly Ziegner, CEO, United Way Elgin Middlesex.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Strategy and Accountability Table for the Whole of Community System Response, facilitated by the City of London.
- May 17** Interview with Arfa Rana, CBC News London, regarding the local measles rate and the report of the first measles death in a child under the age of 5 in Ontario.
- Interview with Carly Weeks, Globe and Mail, regarding the local measles rate and the report of the first measles death in a child under the age of 5 in Ontario.
- Interview with Ben Harrietha, 980 CFPL, regarding the local measles rate and the report of the first measles death in a child under the age of 5 in Ontario.
- May 22** Participated in a webinar regarding the Ontario Public Health Standards Review public health sector consultation process.

- May 23** Participated in the monthly meeting of the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council.
- May 24** Participated in a meeting with the County of Middlesex regarding emergency response plans.
- Attended a call facilitated by the Ministry of Health regarding changes in provincial policy.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- May 27** Participated in the monthly meeting of the Southwestern Ontario Medical Officers of Health/Associate Medical Officers of Health.
- May 28** Attended a meeting of the COMOH Ontario Health Team Working Group.
- May 30** Attended the quarterly touch-base meeting with CUPE representatives.
- Attended a call facilitated by the Ministry of Health regarding wastewater testing for infectious diseases.
- May 31** Participated in the monthly alpha Board meeting.
- Interview with Randy Richmond, London Free Press, regarding the local opioid crisis.
- June 3** Participated in a meeting with the City of London regarding emergency response plans.
- June 4** Interview with Devon Peacock, 980 CFPL, regarding the local opioid crisis.
- Attended the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Governance Sub-Committee meeting.
- June 5** Participated in the monthly Public Health Leadership Table meeting, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- Interview with Kate Dubinski, CBC London, regarding the discontinuation of the Wastewater Surveillance program.

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.*

- May 13** Attended the Family and Community Health divisional meeting.
- May 28** Met with a medical student for mentorship.

- May 29** Participated in a meeting with LHSC and a Masters of Public Health student regarding their rotation.
- June 3** Participated in a call with a medical student for mentorship.
- June 4** Presented at the Public Health 101 agency orientation for new MLHU staff.

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.*

- May 13** Attended the monthly meeting with the Board of Health chair.
- May 16** Attended the May Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
Attended the May Board of Health meeting.
- May 22** Participated in a meeting regarding the organization and classification of internal, organizational policies and procedures.
- May 30** Participated in a meeting regarding the MLHU's response to aIPHa resolutions being discussed at the aIPHa annual general meeting.
- June 5-7** Attended the aIPHa annual general meeting and conference, including a meeting of COMO. H.

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.