

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 86-24

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 NOVEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 86-24 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for November” for information.

The following report highlights the activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of November 7 – November 28, 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*

- November 7** Chaired an internal planning meeting with regards to the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- November 20** Attended the Middlesex London Health Unit Anti-Black Racism Plan Advisory Committee meeting.
- November 27** Participated in an internal planning meeting regarding upcoming meetings with local school boards to discuss changes in the delivery of public services in schools.

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.*

- November 7** Interview with Mayan Correia, 106.9 The X, regarding the respiratory dashboard and respiratory season.
- November 8** Participated in the City of London's 2024 annual Emergency Management Exercise.
- Participated in the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) section meeting.
- November 13-15** Attended the Urban Public Health Network fall meeting.
- November 20** Interview with Devon Peacock, Global News AM980, regarding encouraging vaccinations ahead of the holiday season.
- Participated in a meeting regarding the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Governance Committee.
- Interview with Matthew Trevithick, CBC News London, regarding the Opioid Crisis Update Board report.
- November 21** Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.
- Participated in a meeting of the Ontario Public Health Standards Review Table, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- November 22** Attended the City of London's Budget Committee meeting to answer questions regarding the Middlesex-London Health Unit's 2025 budget submission.
- Participated in a focus group facilitated by St. Joseph's Health Care regarding its strategic plan.
- November 26** Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, and Pine Ridge Health Unit.
- November 27** With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health, attended a meeting with representation from Atlohsa to discuss the Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- November 28** Participated in the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Committee meeting.

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.*

- November 7** Met with a medical student completing a rotation with MLHU.
- November 21** Presented at the Public Health 101 orientation session provided by the Middlesex-London Health Unit to staff who have joined the organization in the past several years to provide a foundational understanding of public health and the work of the organization.
- November 28** Met with a medical student interested in public health.
- Met with a Masters of Public Health student.
- Attended the Public Health Ontario Rounds webinar regarding BC Radon Data Repository.

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.*

- November 7** Participated in a meeting to discuss completion of the Annual Service Plan and the alignment of public health interventions with programs.
- November 11** With Emily Williams, CEO, and Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health, met to distinguish the role of the Communications team and the role of the Social Marketing and Health Systems Partnership team for communication and marketing products.
- November 21** Attended the November Special Board of Health meeting.
- Attended the November Board of Health meeting.
- November 25** Participated in the Management Operating System and Intervention Description/Indicator Development Steering Committee meeting.
- November 28** Attended the monthly touch base meeting with the Board of Health Chair.

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.