

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

Multipurpose Rooms – Health Unit

May 17, 2017
9:30 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Pecuniary Interest.
3. Adopt the minutes from meeting dated April 19, 2017 – *attached*
4. Closed Meeting – labour relations.
5. Business Arising.
 - a. Amalgamation Steering Group Update
6. New Business
 - a. Board Policy 2-100 Smoke-Free/Vape-Free Policy – *attached*
 - b. Board Policy 2-120 Accessible Customer Service – *attached*
 - c. Board Policy 2-125 Accommodation for Employees with Disabilities – *attached*
 - d. Board Procedure 2-126 Accommodation for Employees with Disabilities Including Emergency Response – *attached*
 - e. Board Policy 2-160 Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour – *attached*
 - f. alPHA re Resolutions for Consideration at June 2017 Annual General Meeting – *attached*
 - g. Staff Report – Problem Gambling – *attached*
7. Business Administrator Report – Julie Pauli
 - a. Account Transactions – April 2017 – *attached*
 - b. Financial Report – April 30, 2017 – *attached*
 - c. 2016 MOHLTC Settlement
8. MOH Report – Dr. Miriam Klassen – *attached*
9. Correspondence
 - a. 2017 alPHA Annual Conference – *attached*
 - b. Peterborough re Low-Income Dental Program for Adults and Seniors – *attached*
 - c. PDHU re Public Health Programs and Services Consultation – *attached*
 - d. Simcoe Muskoka re Federal Opioid Strategy – *attached*
 - e. Simcoe Muskoka re Provincial Opioid Strategy – *attached*
 - f. PDHU re Children's Marketing Restrictions – *attached*
 - g. alPHA re alPHA Summary 2017 Budget – *attached*
 - h. Porcupine re OPHS Modernization and Low-Income Dental Program – *attached*
 - i. Sudbury & District re Regulations to Restrict the Sale of Caffeinated Energy Drinks to Children and Youth – *attached*
 - j. Peterborough re Tobacco Endgame – *attached*
 - k. Grey Bruce re Personal Service Settings – *attached*
 - l. Peterborough re Sugary Drinks – *attached*
 - m. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph re HPV Immunization – *attached*
 - n. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph re Provincial Alcohol Strategy – *attached*
 - o. Northwestern re Alcohol in Our Communities: A Report on Alcohol Use in Northwestern Ontario – *attached*
 - p. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph re Fluoride Varnish Programs – *attached*
 - q. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph re HBHC Program Targets and Funding – *attached*
10. Date of next meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 2017.
11. Adjournment.
12. Public Announcements.
13. Education Session – Sugar Sweetened Beverages – presented by Michele Hurd, Public Health Dietitian



Agenda Item 8

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

May 17, 2017

1. ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

- Increase the profile of PDHU in targeted ways
- Continue to strengthen relationships with partners/stakeholders

On April 20th, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) participated in a telephone interview with a University of Waterloo Master of Public Health program staff member. The university was interested in interviewing graduates from the program to illustrate the kinds of career that are possible following studies in public health. The information will be used in their promotional materials and website.

Several Managers including the MOH arranged for a meeting with Lisa Walsh, the new Director of the Avon Maitland District School Board, along with senior staff from the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board and Huron County Health Unit on May 3rd. It was a good opportunity to explore areas where mandates align, and in particular the *Wellbeing Strategy* being introduced by the Ministry of Education.

On April 25th, Ontario MPP Randy Pettapiece highlighted the work of the THINK team on smoke-free movies for a second time in a speech to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He specifically referenced his meeting with our Peer Leaders and Public Health Promoter to discuss the impact of cigarette smoking in movies on youth smoking, and to promote movies with smoking to require an 18 A rating.

Staff are collaborating with the Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society and Huron County Health Unit to host an interagency training on *Youth Pornography and Addiction* on May 31st at the Brodhagen Community Centre.

2. PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE HEALTH SYSTEM CHANGES

- Support all staff through transition
- Maintain a healthy and resilient workforce
- Ensure effective internal and external communications
- Use evidence-informed decision making

As part of the Steering Committee, the MOH attended a planning session for the Huron Perth Health Link (HPHL) on April 21st; the purpose of the session was to develop a sustainability plan to build on the work completed to date. The goal of the HPHL is to improve coordination of care across the entire health care system, especially focused on patients with multiple co-morbidities and with complex health care needs, and including social services to better address the social determinants of health. The work of the HPHL is in alignment with *Patients First* legislation to support health system transformation.

The MOH participated in a telephone interview with the communications staff for the Southwest Local Health Integration Network (SW LHIN) on May 4th, discussing the changes coming with *Patients First* and the opportunities for Public Health and the LHIN. The interview will be used to inform a piece on the how the LHIN and Public Health Boards are establishing closer connections in the SW LHIN May *Exchange Newsletter*.

3. CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN FOCUS ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH EQUITY

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- Build internal capacity and awareness
- Be local champions

On April 28th, the MOH attended Rounds at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health in Toronto as the guest expert, as the focus was on the Old Order Communities as part of a series on Priority Populations. There was much interest among staff and students, many of whom were unfamiliar with this community.

PDHU hosted a Bridges out of Poverty Workshop in North Perth on May 3rd; the workshop aims to not only increase awareness of the challenges for individuals and families living in poverty and trying to move out of poverty, but also to provide strategies for professionals and communities to support people living in poverty and increase the success of moving out of poverty. The session was well attended and received.

Substance misuse is an important area of focus for the health unit. The social determinants of health and substance misuse are linked in complex ways. For example, unemployment, low education levels and poverty increase the risk of substance misuse, and people living in poverty have less resources to seek support and treatment for substance misuse. Conversely, substance misuse can also lead to poverty. Mental illness is also a risk factor for substance misuse. The MOH continues to facilitate a local Opioid Strategy to respond to and mitigate the harms associated with opioid use. Partners and stakeholders plan to meet at the health unit on May 23 for an in-person meeting to consider next steps. Additionally, the MOH attended the Anne McLellan Lecture and panel discussion on *The Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis* on May 8 at the University of Waterloo.

A Public Health Nurse and Guidance Teacher who work together on the Stratford Central Secondary School (SCSS) Gender Sexuality Alliance, recently organized a bus which enabled 14 students from SCSS, Northwestern Secondary School and St. Marys DCVI to attend a Pride dance at Georgetown District High School. It was a very positive experience for both the students and staff. The dance is held annually by various schools in the Halton District School Board.

On Tuesday May 9th, the Environment Team collaborated with the Community Health Department to promote a variety of Environmental Health topics to the families attending kindergarten registration in Milverton. Approximately 100 Mennonite and Amish families were in attendance. The team promoted and provided resources for the following topics at the event: Well Water, Lyme disease, Food Safety and Rabies. Each family was also given a "Chill" bag.

4. OTHER

Staff worked with teacher champions at Bedford Public School to engage students to develop a Healthy Schools Team. The students identified a need in their school, developed a solution and launched the new program through classroom presentations at their school. The youth developed a problem solving strategy called HOAP (Honesty, Ownership, Apology and Plan) for their peers to use solve issues among themselves. The Bedford team will receive gold certification in their first year of participating in the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association *Healthy Schools Certification* program.

Staff recently submitted the *Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) Interim Report* to the Breastfeeding Committee of Canada. The detailed report which outlines changes in prenatal and postpartum services over the last two years is required to maintain BFI designation the health unit received in April 2015.

Nutrition staff are hosting a placement for dietetic intern for her six week population health placement starting May 1st.

On April 19th eight individuals participated in a *Tobacco Retailer Workshop* hosted by PDHU.

A Tobacco Enforcement Officer has been meeting with municipal staff to promote smoke-free signage that is available to community event organizers in addition to the required facility signage. Community event organizers can access the additional signage such as banners and lawn signs through PDHU or municipalities who requested the additional signage.

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The Stratford Perth Community Foundation has confirmed PDHU will receive \$2,800 in funding for the expansion of the sunscreen dispenser project throughout the county.

Staff reviewed the opportunity to provide input into the provincial consultation on the province wide cycle network identified at the April Board of Health meeting. PDHU staff are collaborating with Active Transportation Advisory Committee and Cycle Stratford to prepare a submission that acknowledges the government investment in developing cycling infrastructure and a tourism plan as well as ask that Stratford be included in the route.

On May 9th, PDHU mailed out 106 suspension orders for students who have incomplete immunization records on file at the Health Unit. Last year, we sent 218 orders out. This number is expected to drop substantially before the suspension order takes effect on May 30th, as students receive missing vaccines and send in their updated records in the next couple of weeks.

The health unit has issued 124 food handler certificates as of May 8. Public Health Inspectors have facilitated this process through courses taught at a workplace (16 certifications), a high school (16), at our Stratford (23) and Listowel (27) offices, as well as through providing tests for both an online certification course (28) and for recertification (14).

On Thursday May 4th, the Director of Health Protection attended a session on *Risk Management* hosted by Huron County Health Unit.

5. STAFFING UPDATES

None.

Respectfully submitted by

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