

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

Multipurpose Rooms – Health Unit

September 20, 2017
9:30 am

A G E N D A

1. **Approval of the Agenda.**
2. **Pecuniary Interest.**
3. **Adopt the minutes from meeting dated June 21, 2017 – attached**
4. **Closed Meeting** – labour relations.
5. **Business Arising.**
 - a. Amalgamation Steering Group Update
 - Minutes of July 20, 2017 – attached
6. **New Business**
 - a. Board Policy 1-40 Standing Rules for Board of Health Meetings, Minutes and Reports – attached
 - b. Board Policy 3-100 Policies and Procedures – attached
 - c. Board Policy 7-10 Occupational Health and Safety – attached
 - d. Board Policy 7-150 Workplace Violence – attached
 - e. Appointment of Provincial Representative – attached
 - f. Staff Report – Access to Oral Health Care for Adults with Low-Income – attached
7. **Business Administrator Report** – Julie Pauli
 - a. Account Transactions – June, July, August 2017 – attached
 - b. Financial Report – August 31, 2017 – attached
8. **MOH Report** – Dr. Miriam Klassen – attached
9. **Correspondence**
 - a. Elgin St. Thomas re Personal Service Settings – attached
 - b. Niagara re Personal Service Settings – attached
 - c. Durham re HPV Immunization Catch-up for Boys – attached
 - d. Durham re Provincial Alcohol Strategy – attached
 - e. Durham re HBHC Program Targets and Funding – attached
 - f. Grey Bruce re Provincial Alcohol Strategy – attached
 - g. Grey Bruce re HPV Immunization Catch-up for Boys – attached
 - h. Leeds Grenville & Lanark re Advocacy – Health Promotion Research Centres – attached
 - i. Sudbury re The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148) – attached
 - j. North Bay Parry Sound re Anti-Contraband Tobacco Campaign – attached
 - k. Health Canada re Children's Marketing Restrictions – attached
 - l. Ministry of Housing re Second-hand Smoke and the Residential Tenancies Act – attached
 - m. MOHLTC re Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care – attached
 - n. alPHA re Summary Expert Panel Report – attached
 - o. Middlesex-London re Low Income Adult Dental Program in Ontario – attached
 - p. Middlesex-London re Modernization of Alcohol Sales in Ontario – attached
 - q. John Nater, MP re Evidence-based Legislation & Resulting Regulations – attached
 - r. Northwestern re Bill 168 – attached
10. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday, October 18, 2017
11. **Adjournment.**
12. **Public Announcements.**
13. **Education Session – Norovirus Outbreak** – presented by Yvonne Kowalchuk, Public Health Inspector and Dale Lytle – Senior Public Health Inspector

RSVP to Irene Louwagie at 519-271-7600 ext. 257, if you are unable to attend this meeting.



PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Agenda Item 8

September 20, 2017

1. ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Over the summer, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) attended all 5 municipalities to present on the *Role of Public Health*, and the changes for public health within *Patients First* health system transformation and the potential changes to structure and organization as described in the Report of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health, *Public Health within an Integrated Health System*. As important funders and stakeholders for public health, it is important that municipalities are aware of, and have an opportunity to provide input into changes.

On September 11 the Environment Team in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) hosted an in-service on the new lead sampling and flushing requirements for schools and day cares related to their drinking water systems. In attendance were representatives from the Avon-Maitland District School Board, Huron-Perth Catholic School Board, Child Care Centres in Perth County, R.J.Burnside & Associates, MOECC, Huron County Health Unit and the Perth District Health Unit. The MOECC provided a presentation outlining the changes to Regulation 243/07 – Schools, Private Schools and Child Care Centres and how they affect sampling and flushing requirements for schools and child care centres in Perth County. Throughout the presentation those in attendance were encouraged to ask questions in order to clarify any information and the MOECC also reviewed their frequently asked questions documents which provides answers to the most common questions being asked since the changes came into effect on July 1, 2017. It was an excellent few hours of learning, networking and an opportunity for the schools and child care centres to see how health units work together with other organizations such as the MOECC.

MPP Randy Pettapiece attended a presentation by the MOH on the importance of public health and then travelled with several of our nurses and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) Perth Chapter President on community visits as part of RNAO's 17th annual Take Your MPP to work event in June.

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

The Report of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health, *Public Health within an Integrated Health System*, was released on July 20. It proposes sweeping changes to the structure and organization of public health in Ontario, collapsing 36 local public health agencies into 14 regional public health agencies. The MOH is working with the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) to prepare a response. alPHA is also in communication with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and affiliate organizations such as the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators (AOPHBA) are also developing their own responses as well as providing input into alPHA's response. The MOH is attending 2 information sessions hosted by the MOHLTC this Friday September 15 in Toronto. The deadline to provide a response is October 31; the plan is to have a draft PDHU response prepared for board approval for the October board meeting.

On September 13, the Management Committees of both PDHU and Huron County Health Unit participated in a workshop on *Change Management* facilitated by Lough Barnes. It was an opportunity to develop skills to respond to the many changes occurring in public health including the Patients First Act requiring new roles with

LHINs and the modernized public health standards, as well as the potential amalgamation (contingent on funding).

The LIFE (Lasting Improvements for Employees) committee launched two cardboard standing desks to further encourage staff to kick the sit and take a stand.

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

- Build internal capacity and awareness
- Be local champions

Partners and stakeholders continued to meet by teleconference over the summer to share information and develop a *Perth County Opioid-Related Emergency Response Plan* as part of the local Opioid Strategy. The MOH attended two all-day planning sessions for the Southwest Local Health Integration Network (SW LHIN) Mental Health and Addictions Future State Capacity Planning on August 9 and August 17; this work will inform future directions for Mental Health and Addictions services in Huron Perth as well as the entire SW LHIN. Public health staff can use such opportunities to highlight how Social Determinants of Health are important considerations when providing service and support to people with mental health and addictions.

4. OTHER

2017 PDHU's Vector-borne Diseases (VBD) Program Summary:

In 2017, Perth County had 6 positive mosquito pools, 0 positive birds, 0 positive equine cases and 0 human cases. In Ontario, there were 390 positive mosquito pools, 27 positive birds, 7 positive equine case, and 65 human cases as of epi-week 36 (Sept 3-9, 2017). Provincial numbers will more than likely continue to increase over the next month as health unit programs wind down. It appears there has been more VBD activity this year compared to last.

Perth County had 24 ticks submitted to the health unit and 0 ticks were positive for Lyme disease as of epi-week 36 (Sept 3-9, 2017). Public Health Inspectors investigate any human exposures to ticks using the Central Public Health Laboratory to properly identify the tick and to determine if the tick is associated with Lyme disease. If the tick is found to be a black-legged tick, it is sent to the National Microbiological Laboratory in Winnipeg, Manitoba for further testing. There were less than 5 confirmed human cases of Lyme Disease reported in Perth County this year.

The following chart is the breakdown of all PDHU tick submissions and the results for 2017 (as of epi-week 36):

Type of Tick	# of Ticks Identified	# of Lyme Disease positive ticks
Black-legged Tick	4	0*
<i>American Dog Tick</i>	16	n/a
<i>Woodchuck Tick</i>	4	n/a
<i>Cayenne Tick</i>	0	n/a
<i>Mouse Tick</i>	0	n/a
TOTAL	24	0

*Three ticks were travel-related; one tick was locally acquired. Waiting for one outstanding LD result for a travel-related tick.

Approximately 500 people enjoyed watching "Trolls" at a free outdoor family movie night hosted by our THINK team and the City of Stratford on July 14. The event was an opportunity to educate parents about the health risks smoking in movies can have on children and teens.

PDHU staff submitted a response to the Ontario consultation on the legalization of cannabis in Ontario in July.

Our Public Health Nutritionist is part of a Locally Driven Collaborative Project involving 15 Ontario health units on food literacy sponsored by Public Health Ontario. The project team used previous studies and articles to identify five key areas that make up food literacy including food and nutrition knowledge, food skills, self-efficacy and confidence, food decisions and external factors. The research was published this summer in the Public Health Nutrition journal. The research team is currently submitting a follow-up proposal to Public Health Ontario to develop a tool that can be used to determine if programs and services offered to residents include the five key areas of food literacy.

In August, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care confirmed expectations for the Harm Reduction Program Enhancement including funding of up to \$150,000 starting in 2017. Program requirements include planning a local opioid response, distributing Naloxone and providing training as well as opioid overdose surveillance and early warning.

PDHU is receiving an additional \$13,500 in funding from the Program Training and Consultation Centre to continue the My Quit Moment smoking cessation campaign for a second year. The health unit is one of six participants in the project that uses testimonials focused on the negative effects of smoking. Media campaigns featuring personal stories about the negative health impacts have been shown to be effective in increasing quit attempts and cessation rates.

The Avon Maitland District School Board approved the cost shared SBPHN budget of \$312,826 for the 2017-18 school year in late August.

A public health nurse from the vaccine-preventable disease program was a member of the organizing committee for a provincial vaccine-preventable networking day held on June 15, 2017 in Toronto. She also had the pleasure of introducing a guest speaker from Nova Scotia who provided firsthand experience managing a meningitis B outbreak in a university setting. The keynote speaker was Nora Spinks from the Vanier Family Institute in Ottawa whose presentation was titled "How to balance work life and home life in the changing environment of Public Health." Representatives from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Public Health Ontario provided updates on vaccines and provincial programs while Dr. Aw, a travel medicine and family physician, spoke on travel vaccines and vaccine hesitant parents. Other health units, including Huron County, spoke of their recent educational sessions to health care providers and community stakeholders regarding vaccines.

5. STAFFING UPDATES

- Full-time Administrative Assistant retired on June 2, 2017
- Full-time Administrative Assistant resigned June 28, 2017
- Full-time Public Health Nurse resigned June 28, 2017
- Full-time Tobacco Enforcement Officer resigned August 18, 2017
- Casual Tobacco Enforcement Officer to full-time effective September 11, 2017
- Casual Administrative Assistant to full-time effective September 25, 2017
- Temporary full-time Public Health Nurse hired effective September 28, 2017 to June 29, 2018
- Casual Administrative Assistant to full-time effective October 2, 2017
- Full-time Public Health Nurse recalled effective February 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Dr. Miriam Klassen
Medical Officer of Health