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PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

Multipurpose Rooms – Health Unit

October 18, 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 September 20, 2017 – *attached***
4. **Closed Meeting** – labour relations and legal matters.
5. **Business Arising.**
 - a. Amalgamation Steering Group Update
6. **New Business**
 - a. Report of the Finance & Personnel Committee dated October 18, 2017
 - b. Provincial Representative
 - c. Board Luncheon
 - d. United Way Campaign
 - e. Staff Report – The Food Environment in Recreation Settings – *attached*
 - f. Staff Report – Expert Panel *(to follow)*
 - g. Board Policy 4-10 Staffing of Health Unit – *attached*
 - h. Board Policy 4-50 Personnel Files – *attached*
 - i. Perth 2017 Indicator Summary Table – *attached*
7. **Business Administrator Report** – Julie Pauli
 - a. Account Transactions – September 2017 – *attached*
 - b. Financial Report – September 30, 2017 – *attached*
 - c. Comparison of Mileage Rates – *attached*
 - d. Forms – Conflict of Interest and Declaration of Confidentiality
8. **MOH Report** – Dr. Miriam Klassen – *attached*
9. **Correspondence**
 - a. Peterborough re Legalization of Cannabis – *attached*
 - b. Middlesex-London re Fluoride Varnish Programs for Children at Risk for Dental Caries – *attached*
 - c. OOHA Report on Access to Public Dental Programs – *attached*
 - d. alPHa re 2017 Fall Symposium – *attached*
 - e. Health System Integration – *attached*
10. **Date of next meetings** – Wednesday, November 15, 2017
– Finance & Personnel Committee
11. **Adjournment.**
12. **Public Announcements.**
13. **Education Session** – *Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) Training* – presented by Glenda Blair, Public Health Nurse.

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

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1. ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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

On September 29, the MOH attended an Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHA) Board of Directors meeting in Toronto; much of the time was devoted to preparing a response to the *Expert Panel Report* for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The health unit partnered with local fire departments for Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14) to promote the importance of smoke-free homes in order to prevent house fires and protect individuals from second-hand smoke as well as to encourage property owners and landlords to implement smoke-free policies.

The health unit is partnering with the Stratford-Perth Humane Society to offer low-cost rabies and microchip clinics at the Humane Society on two dates in October. The health unit is assisting with promotion of the event. To promote the low-cost rabies and microchip clinics, the social determinants of health were considered in terms of where to post and distribute information to reach residents in a lower socioeconomic group (i.e. social services office, low-income housing areas, etc.).

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 MOH attended the inaugural meeting of the Huron Perth Sub-Region Integration Table (SRIT) on October 5. The members reviewed the Mission, Vision and Terms of Reference for this new table. It is anticipated that this work will advance the goals of *Patients First*.

Thirty staff (66 attendees) from PDHU attended the annual *Tri-County Knowledge Transfer and Exchange* day, co-hosted by PDHU, Huron County Health Unit and Oxford County Public Health. There was a wide range of topics such as *Community Development Project in Low Income Community* and *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Peoples' Experiences in Oxford County*. Dr. Gail McVey from University Health Network was a guest speaker who presented the findings from the *FUEL Plus: Piloting the Feasibility and Preliminary Efficacy of a Mental Health Promotion Program for High School Students* research project; which is a pilot project that originated from work done at PDHU and which received funding from the United Way.

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, So-Fun and LIFE Committees brought together staff on Friday September 22, 2017 where they enjoyed making their own sandwiches and a greek yogurt dessert! Various activities included a Canadian bingo/scavenger hunt and a dress-up competition that included the following categories: Canadian spirit wear, stereotypical Canadian, and famous/iconic/legendary Canadian. There was a high level of participation and laughter!

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

- Build internal capacity and awareness
- Be local champions

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4. OTHER

PDHU hosted its first Breastfeeding Peer Volunteer Training workshop in September. The event was organized by the Kids First Perth Breastfeeding Group and involved nine mothers who are passionate about breastfeeding and eager to support other mothers who are breastfeeding.

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On October 4th, PDHU hosted the annual Breastfeeding Current Research and Updates Day with with Kathy Venter, Baby Friendly Initiative Assessor and Trainer for the *Breastfeeding Committee of Canada*. Thirty-eight health care professionals attended the full day workshop.

The THINK team is scheduled to meet with MP John Nater on Wednesday, October 11th to discuss plain and standardized packaging for tobacco products and the importance of Bill S-5, *An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-Smokers' Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

5. STAFFING UPDATES

- a temporary full-time Public Health Nurse started September 28, 2017
- a casual Public Health Nurse started October 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted by
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Medical Officer of Health