

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

Multipurpose Rooms – Health Unit

April 18, 2018
9:30 am

A G E N D A

1. **Approval of the Agenda.**
2. **Pecuniary Interest.**
3. **Adopt the Minutes** from meeting dated March 21, 2018 - *attached*
4. **Closed Meeting** if necessary.
5. **Business Arising**
 - a. Amalgamation Steering Group Update – Minutes January 18, 2018 - *attached*
 - b. Comparison of Mileage Rates - *attached*
6. **New Business**
 - a. Insurance Renewal - *attached*
 - b. Registration Open for 2018 alPHa Annual Conference, June 10-12, Toronto
7. **Business Administrator Report – Julie Pauli**
 - a. Account Transactions – March 2018 – *attached*
 - b. Financial Report – March 31, 2018 – *attached*
 - c. 2017 HR Stats
 - d. 2017 Audited Financial Statements - *attached*
8. **Medical Officer of Health Report – Dr. Miriam Klassen – *attached***
9. **Correspondence**
 - a. alPHa Summary 2018 Budget – *attached*
 - b. alPHa Response – 2018 Ontario Budget – *attached*
 - c. Hastings Prince Edward re Dedicated Funding for Local PH Agencies From Cannabis Sales Taxation Revenue - *attached*
10. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2018**
11. **Adjournment.**
12. **Public Announcements.**
13. **Education Session**

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



Agenda Item 8

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

April 18, 2018

1. ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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

On March 23, the MOH attended the second annual meeting hosted by the Multicultural Association to discuss newcomer issues and opportunities to work together to enable successful integration of newcomers into Huron Perth.

Dr Linna Li is a 4th year Public Health and Preventive Medicine resident at Queen's, who is completing a residency rotation at PDHU from April 9 - June 23. She will focus much of her efforts on Mental Health Promotion, but will also participate in other activities.

PDHU is a steadfast corporate donor to the United Way campaign every year. This year, one of our PHNs, Krysta Tomasevic, received special recognition for her leadership and enthusiasm as co-chair of our internal PDHU United Way Committee.

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**

A number of staff were able to attend workshops at The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC) in Toronto last month. Insights from the workshops will help guide our work in mental health promotion, working with priority populations and health equity in particular.

On April 24, the MOH will attend a meeting hosted by the MOHLTC regarding "Ontario Public Health Standards and Related Initiatives; Implementation Session". The agenda includes an overview of recent regulatory changes to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* and the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*, accountability, education and training, and cannabis.

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

- **Build internal capacity and awareness**
- **Be local champions**

On April 4th PDHU hosted the annual Huron and Perth RD Appreciation and Education Event in recognition of RD day. Nineteen Registered Dietitians from Huron and Perth participated. Information was shared about the Healthy Roots Program, an Indigenous wellness program as well as strategies to engage with Indigenous populations in our area. A second speaker addressed working with clients that have mental health concerns.

PDHU is hosting two half day *Bridges Out of Poverty Workshops* on Wednesday May 2, 2018 at the River Gardens Retirement Residence in Stratford. The workshop is intended to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the challenges and strengths of people living in poverty as well as key strategies when working with individuals living in poverty. A number of PDHU staff have already registered for the training and registration is also open to any Board of Health members who may wish to participate. Registration information has also been shared with a number of our community partners.

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Staff and MOHs from Elgin St Thomas Health Unit and PDHU are working together to advocate for culturally competent care for Amish and Mennonite self-pay Canadian citizens provincially and particularly in the SW LHIN.

4. OTHER

The Health Unit continues to work with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Town of St. Marys regarding air quality concerns in St. Marys related to St. Marys Cement. Public Health Ontario was consulted and they provided an independent analysis of the MOECC's air quality testing. A Health Hazard Investigation report is being prepared and will be made available soon and also shared on the Town's website, and presented at a public meeting on Tuesday May 15 at 6pm (location to be determined).

5. STAFFING UPDATES

Casual Public Health Nurse hired~ effective April 19
Community Health Student ~ effective April 30, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Dr. Miriam Klassen
Medical Officer of Health