

Committee: **Middlesex London Health Unit Board**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Susan Mitchell**

Occupation: **Retired Registered Nurse/ Director of a charity**

Work experience: **Worked in Palliative Care in the Community with VON, and in hospitals in London and St. Thomas as an Operating Room Nurse. Also involved in a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. Worked as a Director of Donor Management for a charity for 12 years.**

Education: **Graduated as a mature student from the Fanshawe College Nursing Program in 1996. Received Operating Room Certificate. Student Member of the Curriculum Development Committee between Western University and Fanshawe College 1995-1996. Graduated with a Certificate from the Canadian Association of Gift Planners 2015. Certificate in Communication from Western University.**

Skills: **I have worked both in Community and Hospital settings, I have experience as a front line Nurse as well as being a Director of a charity that required many meetings and operating on a Management level. Respecting, and learning from others around a table is critical in moving forward in the decision making process.**

Interest reason: **To learn about about the emerging health needs of the citizens of the city, and the challenges of delivering health care to new immigrants and refugees. I have a special interest in the critical issue of drug use and mental health challenges and homelessness. I was recently involved as an assistant and team member to Ed Holder on the recent Mayoral campaign. I became aware of the health care needs of the city through the debates and researching material for the campaign.**

Contributions: **Applying Critical thinking skills to problem solving is something that I have developed both as a front line OR Nurse and Director of a charity dealing with Budgets and staffing. I am also currently an Interfaith Volunteer chaplain for LHSC and University Hospitals working with families during times of crisis.**

Past contributions: **Student Member of the Curriculum Development Committee for Nursing for Western University and Fanshawe College. Board Member London Youth Symphony. Board Member of the London Chapter of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners.**

Interpersonal: **Working in health care in a Multi- Disciplinary team setting such as the Operating Room requires team work at a high level. Listening , respecting and valuing others contribution is essential to moving a team forward. During my time as Director for an International Charity, presenting the unique needs and contributions of Canadians to team members required research, as well as Cross - Cultural understanding.**

Interview interest: **Yes**