

**Committee: Middlesex London Health Unit Board OR Diversity and Social Inclusion  
Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Jared Dalton**

Occupation: **Registered Social Worker**

Work experience: **I have had the opportunity to work in hospital settings on both medical and mental health based units, in community mental health and presently am working in school based mental health care. I have also had the opportunity to work with and learn from refugees and refugee claimants in the past and aboriginal people on Oneida of the Thames. In addition to my clinical work I have engaged in additional training and experience in project management and policy evaluation and development and have had the opportunity to apply these skills through leading process improvement projects at London Health Sciences Centre.**

Education: **I have an undergraduate degree in Sociology/Social Work with a minor in Psychology from Redeemer University College and a masters degree in Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University. I am a Registered Social Worker and active member of the Ontario Association of Social Workers.**

Skills: **I have skills and experience in project management, strategic planning, experience working with marginalized populations including people who use substances, people with mental health concerns, people without stable housing, newcomers to Canada, older adults, people with disabilities and medical concerns, people in conflict with the law and people on the LGBTQ2+ spectrum. I have past experience on the board of directors for Camp Oneida and am presently serving on the board of the Ontario Association of Social Work's Western Branch. I also have extensive experience teaching and facilitating change within organizations. I also have extensive knowledge and interest in harm reduction and public health promotion models as well as the recovery approach to mental health care.**

Interest reason: **I am very passionate about the work of the Health Unit and ensuring that the city continues to celebrate its diversity and promote inclusion through its policies and strategic initiatives. I am particularly interested in the MLHU endeavors to address the concern of intravenous drug use in the city using a harm reduction model and look forward to using my experience and knowledge to help them achieve this mandate.**

Contributions: **I believe that through combining both my background knowledge and experience with my passion for strategic "upstream" thinking will help to guide the health unit towards sustainable service provision that will empower and enable the community to achieve positive health outcomes. Similarly I believe that my experience and knowledge would assist the advisory committee in making realistic suggestions that will represent the diverse voices of our city ensuring that all Londoners feel represented in the process.**

Past contributions: **Current on the OASW I serve as director of communications and member engagement which includes managing our social media presence, advertising initiatives and budgeting and providing high level oversight to events and membership engagement. On Camp Oneida's board I served as director of the program committee and provided assistance in the evaluation of policies and procedures and assisted with evaluating and mitigating risk and budgeting/fundraising for program related expenses including grant writing.**

Interpersonal: **I have had the opportunity in my career to engage with a number of individuals with a diverse range of skills, voices and perspectives. Through my academic training, my professional and volunteer work I have had the opportunity to learn from others, to express my own views and find opportunities for collaborative decision making, compromise and validation of all voices and experiences.**

Interview interest: **Yes**