

Committee: Middlesex-London Health Unit Board

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Occupation: Quality Practice and Education Supervisor - Oxford County Emergency Medical Services

Work experience: Coxswain - Canadian Coast Guard - Inshore Search and Rescue - Central and Arctic Region - 1995-2001 (seasonal) Research Assistant - London Base Hospital Program - London Health Sciences Centre - 1999-2002 Primary Care Paramedic - Middlesex-London Emergency Medical Services 2001-2005 Advanced Care Paramedic - Middlesex-London EMS 2005-present Tactical Paramedic - Ontario Provincial Police 2007-present Quality Practice and Education Supervisor - Oxford County EMS - 2009-present

Education: Bachelor of Science - Biology (Genetics) - UWO Primary Care Paramedic Diploma - Fanshawe College Advanced Life Support Paramedic Diploma - Fanshawe College Incident Management Systems 100 - Emergency Measures Ontario Basic Emergency Management - Emergency Measures Ontario / City of London Incident Command System 200/300 - Justice Institute of British Columbia Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear, Explosive Responder - Intermediate - Canadian Emergency Management College

Skills: I am well versed in community healthcare delivery models and initiatives both domestically and abroad. Keeping current on pertinent literature is essential to creating progressive and effective public health programs. My experience in Emergency Medical Services gives me a perspective that is unique in health care. Paramedics are often the bridge between the community and the health system. We deal with not only the emergent medical issues but also the social issues that contribute to the health emergencies people face. As a result, I am attuned to the barriers faced in the community to ensuring maintenance of good physical and mental health which will help me serve effectively on the Middlesex-London Health Unit board.

Interest reason: I would like to serve on the Middlesex-London Health Unit because I am passionate about ensuring the health and well-being of the public. I have spent 10 years at the front line of health care delivery and recognize the critical role community health protection and health promotion programs play in preventative care. On a daily basis, I see to the health-care needs of our vulnerable populations including the elderly, the young and the underprivileged. As a result, I recognize where preventative health programs could have mitigated a patient's need to escalate to a call for service from the emergency health care system. I believe public health programs are essential to the overall sustainability of health care in Canada.

Contributions: I believe I can bring a front-line perspective to the Health Unit board through my experience in Emergency Medical Service and understanding of current and emerging risks to community health. My experience as part of the management staff at Oxford County EMS also gives me the insight into health protection and promotion programs being offered by neighbouring regions.

Past contributions: I have had the pleasure of sitting on many boards and committees. I have helped prepare two budgets for EMS and am integral in the creation of policy and new initiatives for ambulance service in Oxford County. I am also a member of the senior management team for Oxford County Public Health and Emergency Services. As a result of my experience in prehospital care and public health, I have been a member of committees including regional stroke strategy, cardiac care and prehospital research consortiums with the goal of creating seamless and integrated community health care. To that end, I am currently designing a program for EMS to bridge our health care clients with appropriate services and resources throughout the community and help divert patients from the Emergency Room. During my tenure with the Canadian Coast Guard, I served on the St. Lawrence Emergency Response Association building and maintaining stakeholder relationships to improve service delivery and rescue capacity to the marine community in the St. Lawrence River region. At the Urban League, I am involved in annual citizen review of the municipal budget and provide commentary and recommendations to City Council. I have been a representative to key task forces including the City's Official Plan Review. I have also sat on the Ontario Base Hospital Group executive, the Advisory Committee on the Environment, the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Dearth Services, the Old South Community Organization and the Board of ReForest London.

Interpersonal: Through my extensive committee work and varied career, I have considerable experience working to build consensus in a respectful and productive environment. I recognize that while others may not always have similar opinions or perspective, the input each member contributes to the process is invaluable in creating well thought-out policy or positions.

Interview interest: **Yes**