

**Accountability Committee for  
Standards Modernization  
September 2016  
Highlights #4**



The Accountability Committee (AC) held its fourth meeting on August 31, 2016. The AC continued to discuss the approaches health units are using to demonstrate accountability to their boards of health and municipalities. The presentations by committee members highlighted that there is a fair amount of consistency in the tools and approaches used across boards of health. More in depth information being provided that what is captured through the various reporting processes to the ministry. It was also noted that there is substantial variation in the way health units track program expenditures in relation to outputs and outcomes.

Dr. Chris Mackie shared the experience of the Middlesex-London Health Unit with “Program Budgeting Marginal Analysis”. This resource reallocation methodology allows for a rational and comprehensive review of how resources are allocated and could be reallocated to address priorities and improve efficiencies. A software program supports the analysis of submitted proposals for reallocations, using scoring criteria and consideration of the potential positive and negative impacts on clients and the community.

The AC discussed a draft logic model of the Accountability Framework as well as the opportunity for a narrative to the framework to support its dissemination.

The next meeting will focus on reviewing the Fiscal Responsibility and the Governance components of the working draft of the Accountability Framework.

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