



APHEO

Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario

"To advance and promote the discipline and professional practice of epidemiology in Ontario public health units."

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APHEO Executive Meeting	Date:	July 2, 2015	Chair:	Gillian Alton
	Time:	1:30am – 3:30pm	Recorder:	Vidya Sunil
	Call in details	1.866.261.6767 Participant Code: 3022753#		
Past and Present Executive				Attendance
President	Gillian Alton	Oxford County Public Health	Attendance	
Vice-President	Lise Trotz-Williams	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	✓	
Secretary	Vidya Sunil	Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit	✓	
Treasurer	Kelty Hillier	Hamilton Public Health Services	Regrets	
OCCHA Rep. & Member at Large	John Barbaro	Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	Regrets	
OPHA Rep. & Member at Large	Emma Tucker	Halton Region Public Health	Regrets	
aPHa Representative	Celine Butler	Timiskaming Health Unit	✓	
Past President	Cameron McDermaid	Ottawa Public Health	✓	

	Agenda Item	Key Discussion Points	Conclusion or Action Items
1.0	Approval of agenda/additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved, with an addition of items 5.2 Surveillance related to death 5.3 Epidemiologists Salary Ontario 5.4 Website revisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
2.0	Approval of Minutes (Mar 5th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved as is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.0	Standing Business		
3.1	President's Report (GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA indicated that she is receiving emails from members regarding website and spam messages. Had made the website working group aware of this issue. Special larger group meeting of BORN working group, cor indicator work group and LDCP to discuss issues with respect to BORN data was discussed. A call out message would be send to the membership for getting involved in the group without joining the individual group mentioned above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.2	VP Report (LTW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelty to confirm whether our contract is done with Brick Host. Also get a confirmation in writing with respect to the final invoice
3.3	Membership/secretary report (VS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several spam membership applications were received recently. Discussed about sending an email to Sherri regarding this issue. Also the website does not allow exporing membership based on full and affiliate. VS to contact Dave regarding the same. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.4	Financial report (KH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.5	alPHa report (CB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted all proposed resolutions in the annual general meeting some as is and some with minor changes New Exec committee for Board of directors was formed Annual conference on "rethinking public health" was held in June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
3.6	OPHA report (ET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPHA Fall Forum planned for October 29th in Toronto. Theme is "A Strong Voice", focussing on advocacy. http://www.opha.on.ca/Events-News-and-Media/Fall-Forum/Overview.aspx. Note that there is a session in the afternoon about the role of data in advocacy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPHA is working on building its social media profile. Board Meeting June 24-25 included two meetings with MOHLTC staff. Roselle Martino (Exec Director of Public Health Division) – discussed MOHLTC and her Divisional priorities which included: Dental Integration, Bundling low income health benefits, immunization program renewal, infection control prevention lapses, health care worker immunization, provincial vector borne disease strategy, and public health system transformation (discussions with Minister about the structure of public health and OPHS). OPHS are under review. Roselle also talked about a need for health units to come together as one strong voice to advocate, rather than individual health units contacting Minister separately. OPHA and alPha can help be this strong voice. Martha Greenberg (Asst Deputy Minister for the Health Promotion Division) – acknowledged delay on the Healthy Kids Strategy, successes around menu labelling and tobacco, spent a lot of time discussing mental health promotion and public health’s role in a mental health and addiction strategy. Both mentioned “Health Links” and the need to better address SDOH and opportunities for public health to be involved. 	
4.0	Action Items from previous meeting(s)		
4.1	2013 APHEO annual report (CM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
4.2	Confersense contract(GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chuck had suggestions around reducing conference related costs Suggestions to hold the conference in low season Have conference in small cities: Northern Ontario would be interested in hosting conference/workshop Discussed about making some guidelines to the conference planning working group GA will connect with KH and LTW to set up teleconference to work on a survey that would be sent to the membership, will wait for the summary from conference evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA to provide an update
4.3	Planning ahead for 2016 Strategic Planning (GA/All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
4.4	2015 Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 93 people attended the conference. KH assembling invoices. General opinion that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have

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		conference dinner was very interactive	Conference/works hop as a standing Item in the agenda
5.0	New Business		
5.1	ICES-derived cohort data accessibility (JB, GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred 	•
5.2	Surveillance related to mortality	<p>ET had a meeting with Deputy Coroner Dr. Reuven Jhirad about obtaining more timely mortality data and improves surveillance.</p> <p>Dr. Jhirad is meeting with Kingston/ACES next week. He is looking to strengthen relationship with public health and provide more real time data to epis with the fields that they require for analysis. Emma offered to review their data protocol, with the support of APHEO members. Will liaise with Kingston and/or put a call out if/when the time comes</p>	•
5.3	Epidemiologist Salary Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APHEO received an email from an epidemiologist from another province to get info on Epidemiologist salary range across Ontario. There are no collective info currently as the salary range varies across HUs and also depending on the responsibilities. Each HU adjusts it on their own. 	•
5.4	Website revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave from life line has provided quotes on different website items. Exec members discussed this and decided to go forward with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ implementing editable pages by workgroups (\$300) ○ CI Data Sources template (\$300) • The number of job posts that APHEO receives this year would be monitored to decide on whether or not it justifies the expense of add-on functionality for jobs to be posted by all members. Decided to wait and see if this becomes a problem. If so, will consider having this feature added in the future. • .LTW to summarize the discussion and inform the website committee. 	•
6.0	Other Business		
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7.0	Next Meetings / Adjournment		
Next Meeting: Aug 6, 1.30 to 3.30pm			