

Moving Forward Together



Association of Public Health
Epidemiologists in Ontario

Annual Report 2018

Message from the 2018 President

The 2018 year for us began with the goal of operationalizing the 2016 - 2019 Strategic Plan. The year was very busy with membership consultations on broadening the membership categories and efforts to incorporate the organization.

The membership consultation process and report provided the Executive Committee with valuable insights, especially with respect to expanding full membership eligibility to epidemiologists working in Indigenous regional health authorities in Ontario. 2018 also saw APHEO moving closer to incorporation with an approved motion by the membership to incorporate and subsequently, the acquisition of services from a law firm to support this process. Efforts to incorporate will continue throughout the coming years.

Membership engagement continued to be one of the key priorities for 2018. The past year provided our membership with ample opportunities for professional development through our 2018 annual conference, professional development sessions that were added to our general meetings throughout the year as well as through our website forum discussion. APHEO's social media presence also continued to grow through the Twitter platform @theAPHEO.

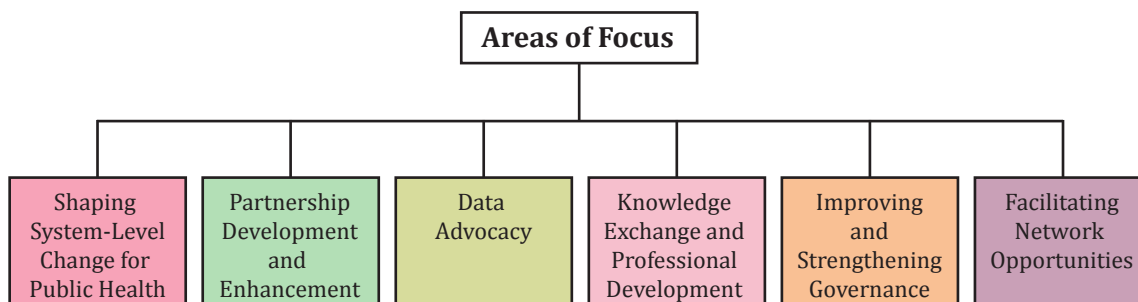
2018 also marked the 20th anniversary of APHEO's Core Indicators project which was initiated in 1998 by the Provincial Health Indicators Work Group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organizations that have helped to shape the Core Indicators project over the past 20 years along with the current CIWG members who are working toward our goals.

I am extremely humbled and pleased to be a part of the APHEO leadership team because of our enthusiastic and knowledgeable Executive Committee members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 Executive Committee members.



Vidya Sunil
APHEO President 2018

Strategic Plan Accomplishments



The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan highlights six strategic areas of focus. A description of our activities and collective accomplishments in 2018 in each area of focus is provided below.

Shaping system-level change for public health



- Submitted a letter to Dr. Helena Jaczek, past Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding the 2018 Report of the Office of the Auditor General.
- Representatives from APHEO participated on the Population Health Indicators in Support of Public Health-LHIN Collaboration (PHISPHLC).
- Representatives from APHEO participated on the Indicator Implementation Task Force.

Partnership Development and Enhancement



- Developed a partnership with the University of Toronto, lead for Public Health Training for Equitable Health Systems, to co-develop training on population health assessment and surveillance for public health practitioners in public health units.
- Began work to identify next steps to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.
- Signed a letter of intent to be a knowledge user group for Cancer Care Ontario's Small area geographic inequalities in cancer incidence and survival in Ontario: an advanced spatial analysis.

Data Advocacy



- Submitted a letter to Dr. Helena Jaczek, past Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) 2016 Annual Report, 'Improving the Odds - Championing Health Equity in Ontario'; also followed up with the Minister through this letter on updates to any provincial-level initiatives specially the provincial health survey, as recommended through the 2015 CMOH report.
- A request was submitted to the MOHLTC to advocate for more up-to-date Vital Statistics data.

Knowledge Exchange and Professional Development



- An orientation manual for new epidemiologists was developed by the Small, Rural, and Northern Health Unit (SRNHU) working group.
- APHEO hosted the 2018 Conference themed: A New Way Forward: Navigating a Path for Local Epidemiology.
- Engagement Committee developed a standard recognition process for APHEO members.
- Presented the Terry Delmore Award to Anne Marie Holt, HKPR District Health Unit.

Improving and Strengthening Governance



- Conducted membership consultation on APHEO's mission statement and membership criteria.
- Retained law firm to draft incorporation bylaws and guide incorporation process.
- Produced Policy and Procedure Manual.
- New policies and procedures were developed for: Use of APHEO Credit Card, Terry Delmore Award, Social Media, Sponsorship Procedure and Membership Recognition.
- Moved annual Executive Transition to December for smoother transition.
- Struck a Finance Committee.

Financials

Total Revenues	\$71,403.98
Total Expenses	\$62,039.36
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$9,364.62

- In the 2018 annual budget, a surplus was achieved in the amount of \$9,364.62
- As of January 4, 2019, APHEO held \$89,187.97 in assets (cash).
- Past contract fees carried out by APHEO contributed greatly to the asset value of the association.

Celebrating Successes



Elaine Hector Award:

The Elaine Hector Student Award, presented at the APHEO conference, recognizes that students engaged in applied public health epidemiology are helping to shape the future of public health. The 2018 award was presented to Jennifer Liang from Dalla Lana School of Public Health from the University of Toronto for her work on "Trends in calls to paramedics for suspected opioid overdoses in Toronto".



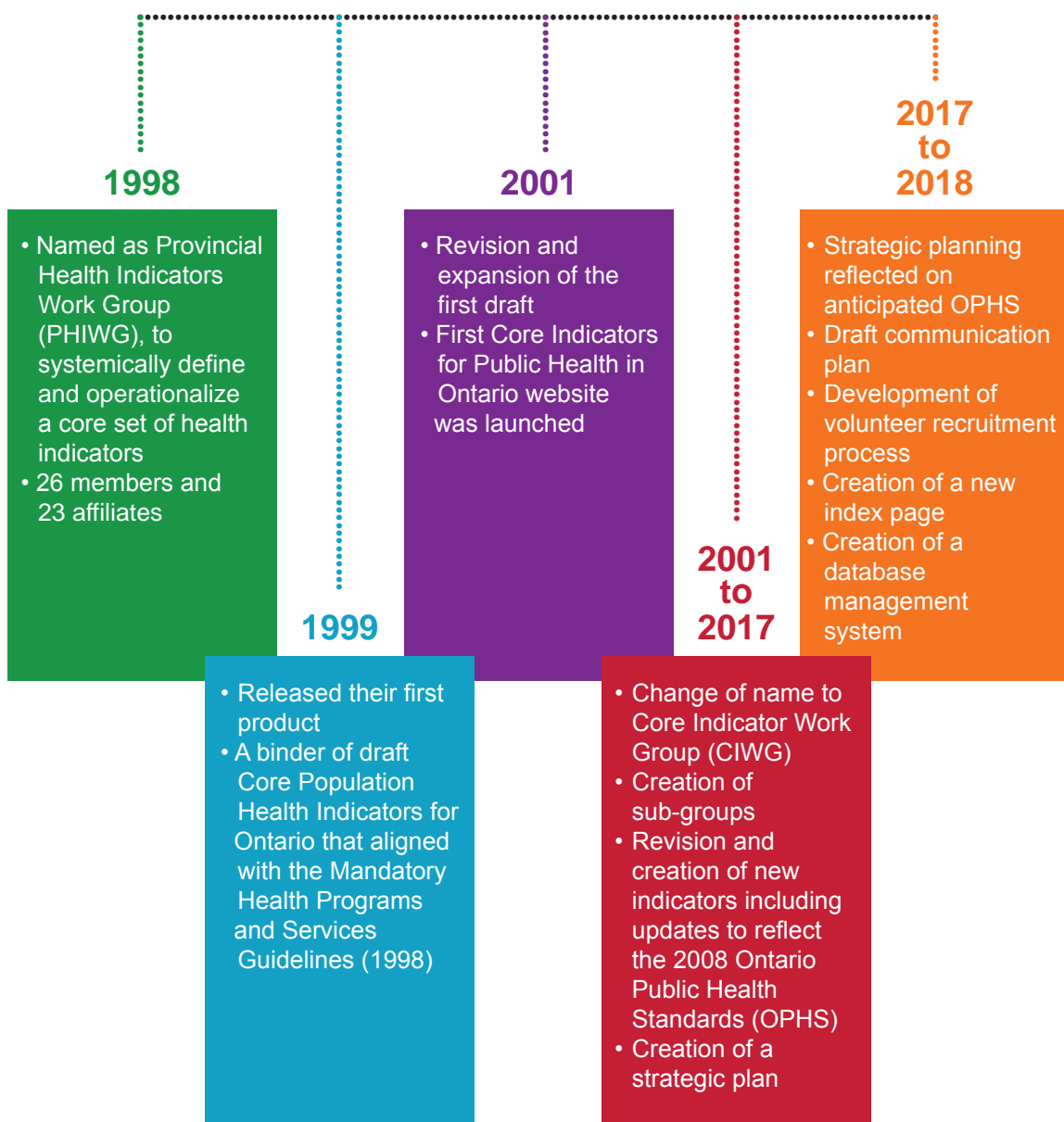
Terry Delmore Award:

The Terry Delmore Award of Excellence is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions in the advancement and/or promotion of the discipline and professional practice of public health epidemiology in Ontario. The 2018 Terry Delmore Award of Excellence was presented to Anne Marie Holt, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, for her public health leadership, characterized by innovation, strategic thinking, and, most importantly, her tireless efforts to build partnerships with other public health organizations.



20th Anniversary of APHEO Core Indicators

APHEO celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Core Indicator project at our Annual Conference, by cutting a cake. We proudly present our Core Indicator Journey.



Thank You!

The 2018 Executive Committee would like to thank all our Committees, Working Groups, and members for their dedication and boundless hard work to public health epidemiology. We can all be proud of what we have achieved to date together. The current year will bring with it many opportunities to work together, including a renewal of the association's strategic plan as well as incorporation.

2018 Executive Committee

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