



## Message from the President

Hi APHEO Members,

This year, the 2024 Executive Committee's goal is to build upon normal operations that the 2023 Executive restarted. We are building relationships and advocating in multiple ways to involve APHEO's membership voice as the field of public health in Ontario moves toward the future.

This communication features the 2024 Executive Committee's priorities for the year and some early updates. The 2024 Executive Committee is excited to announce our first in-person event since the COVID pandemic began. The 1 day workshop **Reconnecting and Rediscovering the Magic of Epidemiology will take place on November 8, 2024 in Toronto**. Additionally, APHEO Executive is planning a virtual Annual General Meeting in the early fall. I look forward to connecting with you soon whether it be in-person or online. Please watch the APHEO listserv for further updates.

Thank you to the Executive Committee, our Work Group chairs and the broader APHEO community for your commitment to public health and to our connecting community together. Please feel free to reach out with any comment, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Heather Pimbert'.

Heather Pimbert  
APHEO President



## Updates

- APHEO Executive is advocating for its membership during the OPHS Consultation. Executive members participated in a Standards Review Group for the Population Health Assessment Standard and Protocol. Additionally, APHEO is contributing a response to the OPHS consultation survey.
- APHEO is building relationships. At the April meeting, the Executive met with the Business Intelligence and Strategy Unit (BISU) within the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) to learn about their objectives, function and working alongside APHEO. We are excited about this connection.
- Behind the scenes, APHEO is working on contributing to the Public Health Digital Platform development. Sharing information with the broader APHEO community and improving the flow of information is a priority. On that theme, here is the [Deloitte Summary of Recommendations](#) from the 2023 Public Health Digital Platform survey.
- APHEO champions the expertise of local epidemiologists in local public health data and the value that we bring to the table in the development of new systems and databases. APHEO members bring a unique understanding of public health data needs, and Executive continually advocates for a collaborative approach to system design.
- There will be a 1-day in person workshop *“Reconnecting and Rediscovering the Magic of Epidemiology”* on Friday November 8, 2024 in Toronto. Details on registration to come.
- Throughout 2024, APHEO Executive is continuing to set up APHEO as a Corporation. This includes new registration processes and accounting support.
- APHEO Executive is exploring options for an online Annual General Meeting in late 2024. Stay tuned for more information.
- The minutes from 2024 Executive Meetings held to date are located [here](#).

## Ways to get involved

→ Volunteers Wanted: The Website Working Group is looking for new members. If you'd like to join please email Dorian Lunny at [dlunny@nwhu.on.ca](mailto:dlunny@nwhu.on.ca)