

alPHa RESOLUTION A07-9

TITLE: Cancer Care Ontario Support for Boards of Health

SPONSOR: Durham Regional Council

WHEREAS cancer is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS boards of health are required to assess the population's health and to plan, implement and evaluate cancer prevention and screening programs and services in their respective health units; and

WHEREAS boards of health need accurate cancer incidence and mortality data in order to carry out their cancer prevention and screening mandates; and

WHEREAS boards of health receive health unit-wide cancer incidence and mortality data from Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) but are challenged with accessing data for smaller areas because of privacy considerations; and

WHEREAS boards of health need to develop local expertise in sophisticated data analysis to better understand cancer trends; and

WHEREAS boards of health and CCO need a mechanism or forum to share and discuss data quality issues so that public health epidemiologists can better interpret their findings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT alPHa urges Cancer Care Ontario to develop the following:

- a clear process whereby boards of health may obtain timely data for areas smaller than the health unit level;
- mechanisms and/or workshops to train public health epidemiologists on cancer analysis techniques; and
- a forum by which boards of health and CCO can share findings and data quality issues;

AND FURTHER THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Health Promotion, President and CEO, Cancer Care Ontario, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health are so advised.

MOTION TO DISCUSS LATE RESOLUTION: R. KYLE (Durham)

SECOND: K. GORMAN (Durham)

Motion to be heard CARRIED

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Resolution: CARRIED