

2002 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A02 - 5

TITLE: Reporting on Sexual Health, AIDS and Other STD Teaching

SPONSOR: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health

WHEREAS Boards of Health are required to work with community partners to ensure the provision of programs to the public that promote appropriate individual reproductive and sexual health choices and such programs shall include as a minimum, three hours of sexual health education annually and the provision of three hours annually of education about AIDS and about other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's), to all students in grades 7-9 by the person or organizations that operates the school¹; and

WHEREAS in schools where this education is not provided, the Board of Health will report this to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and a program of equivalent activities targeted to school-aged children shall be delivered through other community settings²; and

WHEREAS the teachings of issues relating to healthy sexuality is part of the Ontario health curriculum for grades 7-9³; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Education may require a Board of Education to report to the Minister⁴; and

WHEREAS school principals are required to provide reports to the Minister of Education and Boards of Education but are prohibited to provide information to persons outside the Ministry unless in compliance with a specific requirement of the Education Act or its regulations⁵;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) petition the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request the Minister of Education to amend appropriate sections of the Education Act so as to require the reporting of the proportion of students in grades 7-9 receiving the minimum three hours of sexual health teaching and three hours of education about AIDS and other STD's, annually, by schools, and further that such reports be provided to the Boards of Health having jurisdiction for each school.

Action from Conference:

Moved:

A. Hukowich (Haliburton, Kawartha)

Seconded:

R. Kyle (Durham)

Carried

1 Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, December 1997, p. 37, p. 62

2 Ibid

3 The Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8 Health and Physical Education 1998, p. 18, 19

The Ontario Curriculum Grades 9 and 10 Health and Physical Education 1999, p. 10

4 Education Act, Section 8(1) 27.1

5 Education Act, Sections 265(i); 266(2), (6), (7) & (10)