

**aIPHa RESOLUTION A10-5**

**TITLE: Endorsement and Implementation of a Post-Public Health Research, Education And Development (PHRED) Knowledge To Action (K2A) Model**

**SPONSOR: Sudbury & District Board of Health**

WHEREAS aIPHa has an established position and track record of activities in support of a strong, effective and efficient public health system for Ontario; and

WHEREAS a strong, effective and efficient public health system requires a public health workforce that thinks critically and generates and applies evidence into practice; and

WHEREAS the provincial Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) program (including the former teaching health units) has focussed on building such capacity in the public health workforce through its 25 plus year history of applied research, current and future workforce development and knowledge exchange; and

WHEREAS as supported by the Agency Implementation Task Force, the PHRED provincial funding and functions are expected to be transferred to the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) in early 2011; and

WHEREAS the SDHU's 21 year history as a teaching health unit/PHRED program, in conjunction with partner PHRED programs in Hamilton, Kingston, Middlesex-London and Ottawa, has taught us that active involvement of staff at the local level is critical to evolving entire organizations towards a culture of excellence, innovation and evidence-informed practice; and

WHEREAS a future "post-PHRED" model that highlights the importance of direct engagement with health units has been approved in principle by the OAHPP Board of Directors (Description of Post-PHRED Knowledge to Action (K2A) Model: Conceptual Description of Model Attributes, June 2007) after being recommended by a tripartite committee representing the PHRED program, MOHLTC and OAHPP; and

WHEREAS the Foundational Standard of the Ontario Public Health Standards strongly aligns with the K2A functions and reinforces the need for expert and cross-cutting supports to all local health units;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aIPHa) endorse the Description of Post-PHRED Knowledge to Action (K2A) Model: Conceptual Description of Model Attributes, June 2007;

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**AND FURTHER** that alPHa advocate to ensure that the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) implement the K2A model as it is conceptualized, particularly with regards to local/regional supports for public health units and 100% provincial funding;

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa call on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) to ensure the Agency is sufficiently funded to implement the K2A model;

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa acknowledge the historical contributions of the PHRED program to the advancement of public health practice in Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa widely communicate its support for this resolution to the Ontario public health community.

**ACTION FROM CONFERENCE:**

**Resolution CARRIED**