

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Maintenance of Certification Committee**  
**Teleconference**  
**Tuesday July 12, 2011**  
**1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chuck Gardner, Nancy Peroff - Johnston (for Jacky Sweetnam), Michelle Murti, Gordon Fleming (ALPHA Staff / Recorder), Kim Barker, Ian Johnson

**REGRETS:** Megan Ward, Julie Emili, Linda Stewart

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**1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM. C. Gardner welcomed first-time participants and invited revisions to the agenda, with a note that while there is not an official statement on quorum, and with three new participants, we will cover what we are able to.

Agenda approved as circulated.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes – April 12 2011**

*Background – April 12 2011 Minutes Attached and linked:*  
[http://www.alphaweb.org/files/MINUTES\\_COMOH\\_Maincert\\_120411.pdf](http://www.alphaweb.org/files/MINUTES_COMOH_Maincert_120411.pdf)

Minutes approved as circulated.

**3.0 Review of Action Items from Minutes**

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>ACTION</i>	<i>RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
3.1	Distribution of final MainCert ToR	Gardner	Done
3.2.1	Request for CMR Committee volunteer	Gardner	Done (Michelle Murti and Kim Barker are participating)
4.1	Development of <i>Ontario Public Health Inventory of Activities and Peer Expertise</i> resource	Stewart / Johnson	This remains a work-in-progress related to the knowledge-exchange file that PHO has contracted with ALPHA and OPHA to assemble (a list of content experts in various health units). C. Gardner indicated that he is a participant in a committee that has met once and is scheduled to meet again shortly.
4.2	Inquire re. summary of evaluations for March 2011 First Nations Public Health event	Rennie	N. Peroff-Johnston agreed to ask about this.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>ACTION</i>	<i>RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>STATUS</i>
4.3	Inquire re. summary of evaluations for April 2011 TOPHC	Johnson	I. Johnson reported that this summary has not yet been formatted, but indicated that feedback was very positive overall. Finalized summary to be attached to the next MainCert agenda.
5.1	Discuss proposal for accreditation under other sections	Stewart / Johnson	Consideration is being given to piloting this idea for next year's TOPHC, where participants would have the opportunity to write reflective papers on how they will apply what they've learned to their practice.
7.1	Share COMOH Priorities list with alPHa Professional Development Committee / use as a basis for planning future PHO events.	Stewart / Johnson	Most recent version of this was circulated with the present agenda.
7.2	Follow up with Heather Manson re. Health Impact Assessment training	Johnson	I. Johnson has spoken with Heather Manson, and noted that the Health Impact Assessment training is being done by the NCCHPP in Quebec. They have expressed interest in working with PHO to run some sessions in addition to the ones that have reportedly been completed at 8 Ontario Health Units. The question is whether or not this initiative should be co-sponsored by PHO and if so, does PHO have the capacity to respond to follow-up. It was confirmed that the demand for this is not limited to this Committee. This is a three-hour workshop for which a venue needs to be found. C. Gardner agreed to inquire about holding this during an alPHa event, and I. Johnson to further explore opportunities within PHO (esp. TOPHC 2012).

#### **4.0 Review of MainCert Committee Membership**

Charles Gardner (Chair)  
Megan Ward  
Ian Johnson  
Jacky Sweetnam  
Sheila Rennie  
Kim Barker  
Michelle Murti  
Julie Emili  
Gordon Fleming  
Linda Stewart

COMOH  
COMOH  
Public Health Ontario  
MOHLTC  
MOHLTC (Alternate)  
Community Medicine Resident  
Community Medicine Resident  
CMR Program Directors  
alPHa Staff  
alPHa Staff

Nancy Peroff – Johnston indicated that her understanding is that she is replacing Jacky Sweetnam, but asked that the others remain on the list until this is confirmed.

## **5.0 Review of Past Educational Events**

- 5.1 First Nations Public Health - March 21-22 2011**
- 5.2 The Ontario Public Health Convention Apr 5-8 2011**
- 5.3 aPHa Annual Conference – June 12-14 2011**

Summaries of Evaluations for these events are to be reviewed at the next meeting, subject to availability.

## **6.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2010/2011**

*COMOH Priorities 2011 – 2012-*

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/COMOH%20Priorities%20for%202011%20-2012.pdf>

C. Gardner referred members to the attached priority listing and invited thoughts about the these topic areas as a foundation for future educational events. He summarized the process that led to its development and requested that G. Fleming circulate Brent Moloughney's report on same to the rest of the group to provide the full background.

Ian Johnson noted that a portion of the 2012 TOPHC is specifically dedicated to the priority of demonstrating the value of public health.

### **6.1 aPHa / COMOH Events – 2011-2012**

*2011 aPHa Fall Symposium October 20 & 21, 2011 – Public Health Laboratory, 81 Resources Rd., Toronto (Etobicoke)*

I. Johnston indicated that the content of this meeting will be very focused on the laboratory and its capabilities, as a showcase that will engage both the COMOH and the Board Sections. C. Gardner indicated that this would fit within the COMOH Priority 2A of developing the public health system as a whole.

*2012 aPHa Winter Symposium February 9 & 10, 2012 – Toronto; Site TBA*

This was identified as a possible option for a Health Impact Assessment session. C. Gardner to inquire about this with Linda Stewart.

*2012 aPHa Annual Conference June 10, 11 & 12, 2012 – Co-hosted with Niagara Region Public Health; Location TBA*

C. Gardner stated his interest in providing input on the programming for this event, understanding that the co-host health unit will have significant influence on the theme topic or topics.

### **6.2 PHO Events – 2011-2012**

I. Johnson reported that the PH Program Committee is working on accrediting PHO Rounds, similar to the way that hospital rounds are. He is the Chair of the group (which includes Shelly Deeks, Colin Lee, Sara Wilson, Vanessa Allen and Ingrid Tyler), which will be looking at ways to navigate the challenges to making this happen. He will for example be responsible for documenting who is in attendance (noting that this will be a particular challenge where Webinars are the venue). The evaluation requirement will be satisfied through the distribution of surveys after each session and subsequent analysis. He noted that the target audience is public health physicians generally (i.e. the rounds cannot be limited to the interests of COMOH alone), but agreed to consider the COMOH priorities in planning.

There is also an internal journal club that may be opened up, possibly via Webinar, but he expressed concerns that this format is not conducive to the kind of discussion that Journal Clubs are meant to foster. K. Barker noted that there are so many articles available, so this is an opportunity that this should be more fully explored.

In addition to the foregoing, I/ Johnson reported,

- that the Vaccine Symposium scheduled for November 23 – 24 is being organized by Shelly Deeks and that the for abstracts has been circulated
- that an Outbreak Workshop for hospitals is scheduled for the fall.
- That the second annual TOPHC is planned for early April 2012. The call for abstracts is out for topic areas related to the future of PH (day 1), performance and quality and its relationship with health care (day 2), and new methods of service delivery (day 3).

### **6.3 OPHA Fall Forum 2011**

*OPHA Fall Forum 2011 Engaging Priority Populations - October 5 & 6, 2011, Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel*

I. Johnson reported that PHO is helping out with this, but could only report that they have been asked for input on an infectious disease session. He will inquire about accreditation.

### **6.4 Criminalization of HIV Non-Disclosure**

C. Gardner reported on this at the June 14 COMOH meeting, and reported that the membership expressed strong interest in having a dedicated session on this (it was originally assumed that the session provided at the 2011 TOPHC would be sufficient, but not many MOHs attended it).

C. Gardner will confirm with the COMOH Chair that we can set aside an hour at the October COMOH meeting. I. Johnson pointed out that a one-hour session doesn't meet the requirements for credit.

### **6.5 Ontario Health Study Webinar**

G. Fleming raised this as he is in the midst of trying to reschedule a presentation that was supposed to take place at the June 14 COMOH meeting. I Johnson indicated that Cancer Care Ontario was the originator of this study and gave a brief overview of what it is. They did make a presentation through PHO, which as mostly about data processes – his impression was that it was

focused more on genetics than environmental factors, and suggested that there might be an opportunity to shift the OHS focus more toward the role of public health and the public health approach to cohort studies.

K. Barker asked about the possibility of CMRs doing rotations with them, which would be a good opportunity to do this. I. Johnson indicated that Vivek Goel is quite familiar with this initiative and will ask him.

#### **7.0 Other / Information Items**

None was raised.

#### **8.0 Adjournment / Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. Next meeting via teleconference on October 12, 2011 from 1-3 PM.