

DRAFT Minutes
Maintenance of Certification Committee
Teleconference
Wednesday November 16, 2011
2:00 to 3:30 PM

PRESENT: *Ian Johnson, Charles Gardner, Kim Barker, Michelle Murti, Nancy Peroff - Johnson, Sheila Rennie*
REGRETS: *Julie Emili, Megan Ward,*

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 2:05.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – July 12 2011 (Attached)

Minutes approved as circulated.

3.0 Review of Action Items from Minutes

4.3 (April 12 agenda item)	Inquire re. summary of evaluations for April 2011 TOPHC	Johnson	These were circulated just prior to today's meeting. Details to be discussed under item 5.1.
7.2	Follow up with Heather Manson re. Health Impact Assessment training	Johnson	<p>I. Johnson reported that interest remains high at the National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy to hold sessions on this within PHO, and that PHO could in turn have staff to act as facilitators and trainers linked in with NCCHP.</p> <p>L. Stewart added that the planning committee for the 2012 aPHa AGM has looked at this as a possible foundation for a conference theme. More details may be available following the committee's December meeting.</p> <p>ACTION – L. Stewart and I. Johnson to keep in touch with each other on this and update the MainCert committee as new information is available.</p>

4.0 aPHa / COMOH Events

4.1 aPHa Fall Symposium – October 20 & 21 2011 (Summary of Evaluations Attached)

C. Gardner referred to the previously – circulated evaluations of the alPHa Fall Symposium, which Linda summarized verbally. 23 responses were received from among 95 attendees, and it was acknowledged that his number needs to be higher if the results are to be taken as any indication of what the needs are of the various groups within alPHa (including medical officers of health and Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residents).

M. Murti suggested that specific encouragement to Residents to complete evaluations may be required, as some may feel that it is not their place to do so as invited guests.

C. Gardner suggested that attention be paid to what the trends are from one event to the next, acknowledging that the technical nature of this event may have affected responses from groups for whom that aspect would have little bearing on their work.

I. Johnson noted that there may be a problem with the coding in the survey itself, as the numbers didn't seem to add up (e.g. there appeared to be a strong relationship between the "did not attend" option and the high approval score for the update from the CMOH).

He also suggested that evaluations ought to be a requirement for CME credit, which led to a discussion of a number of options for achieving this via electronic surveys while preserving anonymity of the respondents. Challenges were also acknowledged, but he framed evaluating accredited events as a professional responsibility.

C. Gardner then asked if members would support a statement from the MainCert committee that it supports in principle submission of evaluations as a mandatory condition of receiving documentation for any accredited event, pending solutions to the challenge of ensuring anonymity. This was supported.

ACTION: C. Gardner to communicate this statement to COMOH on behalf of the Committee.

4.2 Criminalization of HIV non-disclosure – Presentation to COMOH

C. Gardner confirmed that this presentation was held as part of the October 21 and summarized the outcome. This session was not accredited, as it did not meet the time requirements and was not finalized in time to include in the application for the alPHa event as a whole.

4.3 alPHa Winter Symposium – February 9 & 10 2012

L. Stewart reported that the theme for the February symposium will be "promoting public health", which came from one of alPHa' 2011 resolutions. The initial thinking includes issuing invitations to Ministry communications people to speak about how they evaluate success in their own endeavours, as a basis for sparking thoughts about what role alPHa may have as a catalyst in changing the awareness of what public health is. Application for accreditation will be made, as always.

Ian Johnson suggested that this topic may work better as a workshop, where campaign options and experiences could be presented by marketers, communication experts and so on, which would then be applied to a particular scenario within smaller work groups. The original

presentations needn't be limited to public health if the ideas behind marketing and effective communications are clearly presented. This would lend itself well to accreditation.

Given the interest being expressed by this Committee in this theme, Kim Barker asked how it might be kept in the loop as planning progresses. She, C. Gardner and I. Johnson all expressed willingness to provide assistance during the planning stages. Linda acknowledged that this discussion has been very useful to the planning of this event.

4.4 aPHa AGM – Niagara Falls, June 10 – 12 2012

The theme for this is being developed, and as noted under item 3.0. health impact assessments have been considered in preliminary discussions by the planning committee. Linda will update as the process advances.

5.0 PHO Events

5.1 TOPHC 2011 (*Summary of Evaluations distributed separately*)

I. Johnson referred to the previously-circulated evaluations summary, noting that the longer workshops were appreciated, the plenary speakers were well-received and that the venue received a more positive response than anticipated. The most qualitative comment appeared to be a request for more clarity on who the intended audience might be for a given workshop to ensure the presentation of content at the appropriate level.

5.2 TOPHC 2012

The successful aspects of the 2011 event will be replicated at the next one, and changes have already been made based on other experiences. One of these is the decision not to program evenings, partly in hopes that some of the participating groups will take advantage of the extra time to organize. Nancy-Peroff-Johnson recommended holding a few rooms for this type of thing, having heard that this has a good chance of happening. Ian confirmed that there are already a limited number of rooms being held.

He further reported that 226 abstracts were submitted (a 65% increase over 2011), less than half of which were accepted due to time constraints and the aim of ensuring a balance between academic and local public health agency presentations. In order to accommodate as much good work as possible, the Sheila Basrur Symposium has been shortened, and some will take the form of poster presentations.

The Program is expected to be released at the beginning of December, and the event will be accredited.

5.3 Webcast events (<http://www.oahpp.ca/about/calendar.html>)

Ian Johnson reported that these are going well so far, feedback has been positive and many have been oversubscribed.

The PHO in-house committee that is overseeing these would eventually like to be holding these accredited “rounds” every Tuesday, and Ian welcomed suggestions on how to collect more presentations from the field to make this happen. With the amount of expertise and work within local public health that could be tapped into, supplemented by the more central products, there is no reason to doubt that there is enough potential quality content to make a weekly hour worthwhile.

C. Gardner asked if evaluations could be shared – Ian indicated that it is a Survey Monkey tool that goes out to registrants. The issue with this is the individual registrant may have done so on others’ behalf. It was suggested that a separate survey be sent to COMOH asking if they are participating in these and if so, what their opinions are. It was agreed that there is significant potential for professional development needs in this, and that COMOH should be more closely linked in.

ACTION – C. Gardner to raise this as part of the MainCert item on the next COMOH agenda. I. Johnson, with C. Gardner’s assistance as needed, to develop a proposal on how health units would lead webcasts – for review at the next Maincert teleconference.

6.0 Other Opportunities

- 6.1 OPHA - October 5-6, Engaging Priority Populations:**
<http://www.cvent.com/events/2011-opho-hpo-fall-forum/event-summary-02c13b0003c84ba58e8133aa825ffe6a.aspx>

No member of the committee attended this event; there was no report.

- 6.2 CPHA - Creating and Sustaining Healthy Environments - June 11-14, Edmonton:**
<http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2012.aspx>

Presented as information, with a notation that there is some overlap with the alPHa AGM.

- 6.3 CIPHI - September 16-19, Blue Mountain - Healthy Places, Healthy People:**
<http://www.ciphi.on.ca/knowledge-centre/events/2012conference>

Presented as information.

6.4 Provincial Ministry Events

Sheila Rennie and Nancy Peroff-Johnson reported that there is nothing noteworthy at this time, but agreed to keep their eyes out for anything that may qualify prior to the next meeting. It was acknowledged that Public Health Ontario has probably assumed primary responsibility for this sort of thing.

7.0 Next Meeting / Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Friday March 2nd from 1 – 2:30 PM.