

DRAFT MINUTES
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Tuesday January 27 2009
1 - 3 PM

PRESENT: Fran Scott (Chair); Gordon Fleming (alPHa Staff / Recorder); Charles Gardner; Monika Turner; Phil Jackson; Sonya Corkum; Julie Emili; Megan Ward

REGRETS: Allison Chris (Mat. Leave); Vera Etches; Kathleen Dooling

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM. Agenda approved as circulated with the addition of a report from the Central East MOH group.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – November 25th, 2008

Background – Minutes, November 25 2008: http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_011405618.pdf

Minutes approved as circulated on a MOTION from C. Gardner.

3.0 Standing Items and Updates

3.1 MainCert Committee Membership

3.1.1 COMOH Volunteer

F. Scott sent e-mail in Early December, which resulted in an inquiry about the Committee's facilitation of MainPro accreditation for those who do not hold the FRCPC designation from Allan Grill. She indicated that the U of T process allows these credits as well, and will follow up with Allan on this as well as an offer to join the committee.

It was also reported that John Hoey has resigned from Queen's University, replaced by Ian Gemmill (with assistance from Richard Schabas – MOH HPECHU and Anne Carter – MOH LGL). The committee agreed that he should be invited to join the Committee as John's replacement. As Ottawa's program may soon have a resident match Fran will also invite. Brenda Wilson, program director.

3.1.2 CMR Volunteer

It was reported that Allison Chris and Kathleen Dooling are both stepping down from the committee as they are writing the Royal College exams in the spring. This raised the question of how residents are notified of requests and other information. The current e-mail list is not well-managed, and it may be better to maintain a list of program directors and direct requests and invitations through them.

For the record, it was reported that the current resident program directors are **Ian Gemmill (Queen's), Julie Emili (McMaster), Fran Scott (U of T), Vera Etches (Northern) and Brenda Wilson (Ottawa).**

3.1.3 OAHPP

Phil Jackson and Sonya Corkum (who has Professional Development in her mandate) were welcomed to the committee.

3.2 Event Accreditation

3.2.1 Public Health Summit Oct 26-29

F. Scott noted that accreditation was secured just in time for the conference, and referred to the attached evaluation, which does not appear to have been completed by many MOHs. M. Turner noted that the absence of MOH feedback may weaken the accreditation case for future events, and C. Gardner suggested that a greater effort should be made to ensure that MOHs fulfill this requirement, and further that the evaluations themselves can be more focused on MOH professional development needs. It was suggested that a survey might accomplish this.

M. Turner also noted that certificates have been mailed out and evaluations are being reviewed from the November 2008 OPHS launch. She indicated that these also generated a good collection of ideas for future educational sessions on specific programs. These will be circulated once they are distilled.

3.2.2 alPHa Winter Meeting – Feb 5-6 2009

Background – Program and Registration Information-

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/feb%202009%20alpha%20conf%20program%20registration%204th%20version.pdf>

The accreditation request for this was submitted in the late part of the fall the for Thursday plenary sessions on food sustainability and marketing.

Given the positive feedback on immediate provision of certificates, it was asked if it was planned to provide them on site. C. Gardner added that provision of electronic copies of certificates would fit with the intent of reducing paper use as well and suggested that this be explored.

F. Scott agreed to follow up with Linda Stewart on the above items.

F. Scott added that TBDHU and Sudbury are planning a lunch with CMRs to discuss opportunities in the North. The hope is to set the stage for similar undertakings in the future. This will be discussed by the alPHa Board of Directors on January 28.

3.2.3 alPHa AGM - June 14-16 2009- Timmins

There have been some preliminary planning discussions with the Timmins health unit, but no theme has been chosen. C. Gardner reiterated that although MainCert is an excellent resource for

planning, there is also recognition that MOHs are not the only audience for this event, and that the host health unit has a strong say in the theme and program. He did suggest that MainCert can still be active in crafting learning objectives, which could be achieved with the participation of a MainCert member in the planning process. Since he will likely be working on this anyway he suggested that he could play this role and use the MainCert Committee as a sounding board via e-mail.

F. Scott suggested that the process would benefit from the participation of a CMR, and J. Emili agreed to run the idea by her current residents

3.2.4 OPHA Annual Meeting, November 1-4 2009- Toronto

F. Scott reported that she has volunteered as the COMOHO Representative on the planning committee for this event, whose theme is expected to be “celebrating our past looking forward to the future”. She pledged to do her best to ensure that there are high-quality, creditable sessions available to MOHs. She will keep the MainCert committee apprised.

3.3 Further opportunities for COMOHO – APHEO collaboration

F. Scott reported that there was a successful syndromic surveillance workshop two years ago, but nothing else has occurred since then. APHEO currently is preparing for its spring conference, so the 2009 alpha Fall Meeting was identified as a possible opportunity. P. Jackson indicated that Natasha Crowcroft at the OAHPP would be a good contact for planning such a thing.

3.4 Regional Journal Clubs - Update

J. Emili reported that the Central West MOH group has a well-developed process in place that supplements the academic half-days that provide interaction between CMRs and MOHs for 1 hour each month (last Friday). Articles have been well chosen and discussions have been valuable.

M. Ward added that the Central East MOH group is not quite as far along organizationally, although the chosen topics have been interesting. Questions remain about the certification elements of these activities.

C. Gardner suggested that the CEMOH group might need to have a broader discussion about the meetings themselves to facilitate the Journal club element (self-accredited, Section 1 small group learning).

J. Emili reported that their success is a direct result of planning ahead, and separating the activity from the regular business of the CWMOH meetings. The year’s schedule is circulated in January, with rotating assignments for leading the discussions. Leaders are responsible for choosing discussion topics.

G. Fleming indicated that a new page could easily be created within the MainCert area of alphaWeb to house documents and other materials related to the activities of these Journal Clubs.

4.0 New Business

4.1 MainPro Credits for CCFP

This is related to the inquiry referred to under item 3.1.1. F. Scott's assumption is that applications include requests for both CCFP and Royal College credits. She will verify this with Linda Stewart.

5.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2009

5.1 2009 Ministry Days – Public Health Law Practice

M. Turner referred to the newly published *Public Health Law and Practice in Ontario*, suggesting that a more formal education in the legislative requirements of MOHs might be a worthy pursuit for MOHs / AMOHS. She indicated that a session could be held in late 2009, timing, budget and venue permitting. Linking it to the alpha fall meeting was suggested.

F. Scott referred to the Public Health Lawyers' Association (of which at least two of the book's authors are a part) as a potential partner, but cautioned that it is a fairly loose affiliation.

C. Gardner referred to the various organizations that are acting on the behalf of MOH educational requirements and wondered at what point do they all assemble under one umbrella? The OAHPP for example has a very important stake in this, from a sponsorship and infrastructure/logistical perspective, and the CPSO might have interest in opportunities related to its requirements for Changing Scope of Practice.

P. Jackson added that he has been in touch with Linda Stewart on preliminary plans for the first OAHPP conference in 2010, which may provide an important opportunity to address some of the above.

C. Gardner agreed to raise these ideas at the alpha Board on a go-forward basis.

M. Ward referred to the excellence of Québec's Journées Annuelles de Santé Publique (JASP) as a model for assembling a solid planning process that would serve the needs of participants and attract international attention.

5.2 BC Medical Health Officers' Health Inequities Report

Background Report: http://www.phabc.org/files/HOC_Inequities_Report.pdf

F. Scott referred to the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction and its discussions of this report. C. Gardner suggested that the BCMOH group might merit an invite to speak with COMOH, to describe the enabling factors for taking such a strong and unequivocal stand on the topic and producing such a high-quality document. He raised the idea of inviting primary author John Millar to present to COMOH as an educational event at some point.

P. Jackson added that the OAHPP is in touch with the BCCDC and supported the idea.

C. Gardner will raise the idea of setting aside time at the COMO meeting in June 2009 for this with the COMO Executive.

5.3 Review of the MainCert Summary Work Plan

Background Workplan:

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/Ontario%20Public%20Health%20Physician%20CPD%20Work%20Plan%202008.pdf>

F. Scott invited members to examine the document and submit additions for review at the next meeting.

6.0 Information Items

None

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM. Next meeting scheduled for March 31, 2009.

Membership of and Schedule for Maintenance of Certification Committee, 2008-2009:

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Meetings: Bi-Monthly – Last Tuesday every other month, 1-3 PM:

March 31 2009

May 26 2009

July 28 2009

September 29 2009

November 24 2009