

DRAFT MINUTES
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Monday April 12 2010
1:00 – 2:30 PM

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PRESENT: Sonya Corkum (Chair); Linda Stewart (alPHa Staff); Gordon Fleming (alPHa Staff / Recorder); Fran Scott (U of T); Kim Meighan (OAHPP); Vera Etches (NOSM / AMOH – Ottawa);

REGRETS: Monika Turner; Charles Gardner; Megan Ward; Julie Emili; Allison Chris

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM. Agenda approved with the addition of discussions of the CPHA conference, promotion of the COMOHO e-mail list to Community Medicine Residents and a note of thanks to Monika Turner for her service to the committee and commitment to its aims.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – January 26th, 2010

Background – Jan 26 2010 Minutes:
http://www.alphaweb.org/files/DRAFT_MINUTES_COMOH_Maincert_251109.pdf

Minutes approved as circulated

3.0 Standing Items and Updates

3.1 MainCert Committee Membership

3.1.1 CMR members

G. Fleming has indicated that no action has yet been taken on this, but agreed to e-mail program supervisors to canvas their charges for interest. L. Stewart added that there were 33 CMRs at the February alPHa Winter Symposium, and that calls for volunteers could be made at future events such as the upcoming June alPHa annual conference.

3.1.2 CMR Program Directors

S. Corkum reported that she has spoken to Ian Gemmill (Queen's / MOH – KFL&A) and that he has agreed to join the committee.

ACTION – G. Fleming to add Ian Gemmill to the MainCert Committee e-mail address book.

3.2 Event Accreditation

3.2.1 alPHa AGM – June 2009 – Timmins

L. Stewart confirmed that the 2009 alPHa Annual Conference in Timmins was accredited for 8.25 MainPro 1 credits or 8.25 learning credits for the Royal College.

3.2.2 Public Health Law Day February 24 2010

Background – PH Law Day Proceedings:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=2313&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2>

L. Stewart reported that alPHa arranged the accreditation for this event.

3.2.3 alPHa AGM, June 20-22 2010, Cornwall

alPHa is seeking accreditation of this event through the University of Ottawa and has made initial contact, but a more detailed program will need to be submitted before next steps

It was reported that the CPHA event is also being accredited through this group, which has already presented some challenges from the perspective of understanding the needs of the audience. Linda Stewart added that U of T's format was also not tailored to public health, but the process got smoother through repetition.

F. Scott recommended that MainCert review the program for the alPHa Conference when it is available. L. Stewart summarized the draft program, which focuses on technology and communications, where it is hoped that speakers will bring perspectives on how innovations can be applied to public health practice, as well as some theoretical background on subjects such as social marketing.

3.2.4 CCO Prostate Cancer Screening Webinar March 8

This event was also accredited, for 5.5 hours (CFPC and RCFP) and was well attended – it is expected that more opportunities for educational events with Cancer Care Ontario will present themselves.

3.2.5 OAHPP Vaccine Symposium April 7

Background - Symposium Program:

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/OAHPP%20Vaccine%20Sciences%20Symposium%20updated%20April%207%2020101.pdf>

This event was accredited for 6 hours (CFPC and RCFP).

3.2.6 Other

On May 25 2010, the OAHPP will host the annual Sheela Basrur symposium on Food Safety (local, organic, policy vs. individual choice etc.) at MaRS, which will be accredited.

The Canadian Public Health Association's Centenary Conference is taking place June 13 – 16 at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto and will be accredited. The NSSCM is presenting its fourth annual professional development symposium in the same location from June 11-14.

3.3 Further opportunities for COMOH – APHEO collaboration

F. Scott reiterated that this is a standing item that arose from a successful COMOH – APHEO symposium on syndromic surveillance in 2007. Schedules have prevented anything further from being planned, and rotating executives have also been a barrier to ongoing communications, but the interest is still there.

ACTION – G. Fleming to invite the current APHEO President Joanna Oliver to the next Committee teleconference.

3.4 Regional Journal Clubs - Update

Background – Journal Club Materials: <http://www.alphaweb.org/maincertjournal.asp>

G. Fleming referred members to the Web site for the most recent posted materials.

4.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2009/2010

4.1 2011 OAHPP alPHa OPHA Conference

An initial meeting (which included participation by C. Gardner and L. Stewart) has been held to brainstorm preliminary ideas for this event, and work is underway to secure a professional event manager through RFP. A planning committee will be formalized once this step is complete. April 5-8 2011 are the dates currently being held. Responding to an inquiry about how requests for abstracts are expected to be handled, K. Meighan indicated that this may not be included, as the conference may follow a novel format to bring people, evidence and models together.

4.2 COMOH Retreat II

Background – preliminary background

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/2010%20COMOH%20Leadership%20Retreat%20Outline.pdf>

L. Stewart reported that planning for this event is underway, and that it will be held in Toronto in October. Locations are being investigated by alPHa staff, and a planning committee is in place, which will meet for the first time next week (April 22).

Although the focus of the retreat is a group growth exercise (and as such unlikely to meet criteria for accreditation), V. Etches suggested that there may be an opportunity to accredit a component of leadership theory.

4.3 Review of the MainCert Summary Work Plan

Background – Revised Summary:

<http://www.alphaweb.org/files/Ontario%20Public%20Health%20Physician%20CPD%20Work%20Plan%202009.pdf>

S. Corkum invited members to comment on the linked summary of accredited events. Suggested additions included the June CPHA and NSSCM events cited above; a June 28 ½ - day program retreat hosted by NOSM in Sudbury with a focus on helping residents and faculty with employee wellness; the Sheela Basrur Symposium also cited above.

It was suggested that this workplan has been in production long enough that it might be used as an assessment tool, to assist the Committee in measuring its success in enhancing opportunities for continuing medical education. C. Gardner indicated that it was previously linked to a lengthier needs assessment tool, which would need to be reestablished. He also pointed out that any audit will require a demonstration that needs assessments are being done.

F. Scott suggested that it is apparent that the MainCert Committee has contributed significantly to increasing opportunities since its inception, helping to meet the Royal College requirement of 400 hrs over 5 years. It is a work in progress, but continuing to keep track should underscore the value of the Committee. ALPHA's annual report will reflect the actual number of credits that it has had a hand in securing.

4.4 Royal College Deadlines

G. Fleming reported that C. Gardner was to raise this on behalf of another COMOH member following a request at its last meeting. The issue is the difficulty in meeting the January deadline for submission of credits. It was suggested that the MainCert committee may have a role in sending out reminders about the deadlines and ensuring that the number of accredited hours is aligned so that they can be submitted in time. Fran suggested that a reminder should go out with certificates to post credits as soon as they are issued.

L. Stewart agreed to add this reminder to the e-mail.

5.0 Other / Information Items

5.1 CMR – COMOH E-Mail List

F. Scott noted that not many CMRs are currently subscribed to the COMOH electronic mailing list. G. Fleming clarified that there is a process in place that differentiates status according to rotation (i.e. that being on –rotation at a health unit is viewed differently from all others by COMOH) and that the varying lengths of rotations result in some complications in promoting the opportunity. It was agreed that more promotion is required, and that ALPHA staff and COMOH will work toward maximizing it.

5.2 Committee Membership Change

It was noted that Monika Turner has been a committed and supportive member of the Committee since early 2008, and her participation has been instrumental in providing support or CMRs and facilitating educational events. As she is leaving the Public Health Division for a new post at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Committee wished to express its sincere gratitude for her contributions.

ACTION: S. Corkum to send a thank you note to Monika for her work on behalf of the committee.

6.0 Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for May 25, to be rescheduled due to the conflict with the Sheela Basrur Symposium.