

DRAFT MINUTES
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Tuesday September 21 2010
1:00 – 3:00 PM

PRESENT: Ian Johnson (acting Chair), Gordon Fleming (alPHa Staff / Recorder), Paulina Salamo, Vera Etches, Ian Gemmill

REGRETS: Sonya Corkum, Megan Ward, Linda Stewart, Allison Chris, Julie Emili, Fran Scott, Charles Gardner,

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:06 PM. I. Johnson announced that he had been asked to chair this meeting due to S. Corkum being unavailable. Agenda approved with the addition of the following discussion items.

- Item 3.1.3 - U of T Faculty Representation
- Item 4.2 - alPHa Professional Development Committee

2.0 Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2010

Background – May 26 2010 Minutes:

http://www.alphaweb.org/files/DRAFT_MINUTES_COMOH_Maincert_260510.pdf

DEFERRED.

3.0 Standing Items and Updates

3.1 MainCert Committee Membership

3.1.1 CMR members

G. Fleming indicated that there have been Community Medicine Residents on the committee in the past, which has provided a valuable perspective. Some of these remain in the Committee, but are no longer Residents. A call for volunteers has been sent out via the five CMR Program Supervisors, but no responses have been received. It was agreed that this should be repeated, in addition to promoting the opportunity at the October COMOHO retreat, which CMRs have been invited to attend.

3.1.2 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (PHD)

Paulina Salamo has confirmed that she will be the MOHLTC representative to the Committee for the foreseeable future.

3.1.3 OAHPP

I. Johnson reported that he is replacing Kim Meighan on the Committee.

3.1.4 U of T Faculty

G. Fleming reported that prior to this meeting, Fran Scott had requested consideration of replacing her as the U of T Faculty lead for accreditation, as she is no longer well informed of OPHA and alPHa planning processes.

3.2 Event Accreditation

3.2.1 Past Events

3.2.1.1 CPHA / NCSSM – June 11-16

3.2.1.2 alPHa AGM, June 20-22 2010, Cornwall

Committee members present could not confirm accreditation status or hours for these two events. V. Etches agreed to inquire about CPHA and G. Fleming will determine the status of the alPHa meeting, and answers will be shared via e-mail.

3.2.2 Upcoming Events

3.2.2.1 OPHA annual conference on September 28 – 30

I. Johnson reported that this conference on the Built Environment is sold out, but has not had a chance to check on accreditation status. Paulina Salamo agreed to check with OPHA ED Connie Utrecht when she calls her on another matter.

3.2.2.2 COMOHOH Retreat II

G. Fleming reported that the general feeling at the COMOHOH Retreat Planning Committee is that the material content of the retreat (internal development and strategic planning) does not appear likely to fit the requirements for accreditation.

3.2.2.3 2011 OAHPP alPHa OPHA Conference

I. Johnson reported that the steering committee has met, dates have been set, and some discussion has occurred about the possible theme for the joint alPHa – OAHPP – OPHA public health summit in April 2011. A call for volunteers for planning, scientific review and student committees should be expected soon.

The summit is expected to be modeled on Quebec's Journées Annuelles de Santé Publique (JASP), with workshops and training, combined with opportunities to present original research and findings. Specifics continue to be discussed and he will invite further submission of ideas from Committee members via e-mail.

The intent is to accredit as much of the event as possible and Ian will be the lead for securing it. Chuck Gardner shared the content of a survey that was done as part of the planning process for

the COMOHO retreat, which provided a summary of major health issues identified for COMOHO to address in the next 5 years. He characterized this as precisely the type of needs assessment that is required for the accreditation process. It will also be a useful reference as strategic planning processes in other parts of the public health system get underway.

3.3 Further opportunities for COMOHO – APHEO collaboration

It was reported that the APHEO Conference is occurring today, but there was no available information about how it related to the goals of this committee (i.e. accreditation / professional development opportunity). For the benefit of new members, Gordon Fleming reiterated that this is has been a standing item on the MainCert agenda since a successful symposium on Syndromic Surveillance was planned and executed jointly by COMOHO and APHEO to serve common educational needs.

3.4 Regional Journal Clubs - Update

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

Gordon Fleming summarized the idea behind this, which was to take the materials discussed by local ad-hoc journal clubs and make them available to others for the purposes of facilitating acquisition of personal learning credits. Ian suggested that a discussion of how to increase central support to enhance local capacity for this kind of thing should be on the next agenda.

4.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2010/2011

4.1 Review of the MainCert Summary Work Plan

Background – Revised Summary:

http://www.alphaweb.org/files/Ontario%20Public%20Health%20Physician%20CPD%20Work%20Plan_sep10.pdf

Gordon Fleming briefly described the evolution of this document, from a very detailed work plan to a more manageable tracking chart of past and upcoming events and their accreditation status. He also clarified that ALPHA has assumed the functions of keeping it current, which means that events that are not directly related to ALPHA's work are likely to be omitted.

Discussion followed about the most appropriate method of conducting needs assessments and executing opportunities to meet them. Ian suggested that primary responsibility for assessing professional development / continuing education requirements should rest with the various public health disciplines, while the OAHPP would provide supports for identifying opportunities to meet them.

Returning to the chart, it was noted that the 2009 Public Health Law Day was moved to February of 2010 and accredited by ALPHA through U of T. Ian Johnson indicated that he did not believe that the May 2010 APHEO workshop on the OPHS was accredited, but will check.

4.2 alPHa Professional Development Committee

At the request of Linda Stewart, Gordon Fleming informed the committee that alPHa is in the early stages of forming a Professional Development Committee, whose primary purpose would be to identify areas of interest to its members (COMOH, the Board of Health Section and the Affiliates) that would in turn inform programming of alPHa events and coordination with others.

The Maintenance of Certification Committee was identified as a group with whom there should be a formal link, and a volunteer is being sought to represent it.

Questions were raised about the specific purpose and activities of this committee as well as its relationship with parallel processes in other parts of the public health system. Gordon Fleming replied that all of this remains to be clarified.

Further discussion of this topic and a renewal of the request for a volunteer will be added to the next MainCert agenda.

4.3 Communal Rounds

Ian Johnson reported that Julie Emili approached him with an idea of OAHPP hosting communal rounds for practitioners, recognizing that their needs may be different from those of CMRs, and that there may be an issue with qualifying for maintenance of certification credits where rounds are focused on the latter.

V. Etches confirmed that the current ad hoc practice of involving practitioners in residents' rounds do not appear to be diminishing their value to the residents, and the program directors have had discussions about how to ensure that rounds are as valuable to both. Ian Johnson asked about the best way to continue these discussions with the addition of the OAHPP's potential role, and Ian Gemmill agreed to connect with the other program directors to start the conversation.

5.0 Other / Information Items

None

6.0 Adjournment / Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for November 30th, 2010 from 1 to 3 PM/