

## ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATES - FEBRUARY 10 2009

*CELLS WITH YELLOW BACKGROUNDS CONTAIN NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE aIPHa ADVOCACY COMMITTEE. CELLS WITH BLUE BACKGROUNDS ARE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE TO THE COMMITTEE*

### RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE

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#### [A08-5 - Advocacy for Enactment of a 0% Blood Alcohol Concentration \(BAC\) Limit on Drivers Until They Reach the Age Of 21 Years:](#)

May 1 2009

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#### [A07- 2, Childhood Obesity and Trans Fats](#)

June 15 2009

alPHA has passed a new resolution on this subject, which urges more specific action on mandating the removal of trans fat from the food supply. [Please click here to read.](#)

[#A05-7, Haines Meat Inspection Review](#)

May 29 2009

The Environmental Health Branch of the Public Health Division has released a detailed progress report on recommendations in the Haines report assigned in whole or in part to the Ministry of Health and Long Term care. It lists the recommendations and reports on the varying degrees of progress for each. [Please click here to read the report](#)

[#A03-3, Helicobacter Pylori and Gastric Cancer Prevention](#)

February 8 2009

alPHA has received an excerpt on stomach cancer from the Canadian Cancer Society's *Canadian Cancer Encyclopedia*, which includes the following statement:

*"To date, there is no screening test recommended for stomach cancer. Because of the low incidence of stomach cancer in Canada, mass screening of the general population using upper gastrointestinal (GI) series (barium swallow) or gastroscopy (endoscopy of the upper GI tract) would not be cost effective."*

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## 2009 Resolutions

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention Program/  <i>Policy-makers have the information required to enable them to amend current policies or develop new policies that would have an impact on the prevention of chronic diseases.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09 - 1 Ban on Advertising to Children Under 13 Years of Age</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies also support the broader goal of the Ontario Public Health Association and other organizations that are advocating for a ban on all commercial advertising targeted to children under 13 years of age.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp</a></p>	<p>January 4 2010 Response from Heritage Minister outlining the current regulatory regime governing advertising standards. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>November 13 2009 Letter written to Canadian Heritage Minister (Responsible for the Broadcasting Act and the CRTC) introducing alPHa's position on prohibiting commercial advertising to children. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>November 10 2009 alPHa has received a response from the Minister of Industry. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>September 10 2009 Reply received from the Minister of Consumer Services. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 4 2009 alPHa has written to the federal Ministers of Health and of Industry, as well as the provincial Minister of Consumer Services to introduce this resolution, along with Resolution A08-13 calling for a specific ban on commercial marketing of food and beverages to children less than 13 years of age. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention /</p> <p><i>Community partners have the capacity to address the risk factors associated with chronic diseases, including tobacco use.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09 - 2 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of local Public Health Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) write to the Federal Minister of Health and the Prime Minister advocating for a change to the proposed amendment to the Tobacco Act such that it includes a complete ban on tobacco advertising and promotion even where minors are prohibited by law (eg. bars and nightclubs);</li> <li>2) request that the Provincial Minister of Health, the Minister of Health Promotion, and the Premier advocate with their federal counterparts for a complete ban on tobacco advertising and promotion; and</li> <li>3) support national advocacy initiatives that call for further restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotions.</li> </ol>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/tobacco.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/tobacco.asp</a></p>	<p>January 4 2010</p> <p>Response to August alpha Letter received from federal Health Minister outlining the provisions of federal bill C-32 (tobacco advertising, flavour additives etc.), which received Royal Assent in October 2009. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>October 8 2009</p> <p>Bill C-32 has received Royal Assent, amending the Tobacco Act as follows:</p> <p>AS AMENDED: 22 (1) Subject to this section, no person shall promote a tobacco product by means of an advertisement that depicts, in whole or in part, a tobacco product, its package or a brand element of one or that evokes a tobacco product or a brand element.</p> <p>Exception</p> <p>(2) Subject to the regulations, a person may advertise a tobacco product by means of information advertising or brand-preference advertising that is in</p> <p>(a) a publication that is provided by mail and addressed to an adult who is identified by name; or</p> <p><del>(b) a publication that has an adult readership of not less than eighty-five per cent; or</del></p> <p>(c) signs in a place where young persons are not permitted by law.</p> <p>August 14 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the PM introducing this Resolution, urging swift enactment of Bill C-32, with consideration of expanding the prohibitions on tobacco advertising and promotion. <a href="#">Please click here to</a></p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention</p> <p><i>Community partners have the capacity to address the risk factors associated with chronic diseases, including poor diet</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09 - 4 Trans Fat in the Food Supply</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urge the Federal Minister of Health to take immediate steps to amend the Food and Drug Act or regulations to restrict the levels of synthetic trans fat permitted in foods to the limits recommended by the Federal Trans Fat Task Force (2006);</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urge the Government of Ontario to take immediate steps towards regulating trans fat levels in foods and beverages available in Ontario food premises, including, but not limited to, supporting Bill 156 Healthy Decisions for Healthy Foods</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urge the Government of Ontario to, in keeping with recent measures taken by the Government of British Columbia, take immediate steps towards regulating trans fat levels in foods and beverages available in Ontario foodservice operations;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urge the Government of Ontario to expand the trans fat regulations of Bill 8 Healthy Foods for Healthy Schools to include all foods available or provided (not just sold) by Ontario schools;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urge Ontario boards of health and municipalities to consider taking actions to regulate trans fat served in local food premises such as has been done in the cities of Calgary, Montreal and Toronto;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urge the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, and all local boards of health to take</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp</a></p>	<p>August 10 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the federal Minister of Health to inform her of this Resolution and its call for immediate regulation of trans-fats in Canada's food supply. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 10 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Ontario Ministers of Health and Education introducing the Resolution and urging them to take action at the provincial level to reduce trans-fats in the food supply and exposure to them. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>April 28 2008</p> <p>Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act receives Royal Assent, amending the Education Act. <a href="#">Ontario Regulation 200/08</a> specifies the maximum percentages of trans fat in food / ingredients offered for sale in schools.</p>

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<p>Child Health /</p> <p><i>Children at risk of poor health and developmental outcomes are supported and referred to services prior to school entry.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09-6 Preschool Speech and Language Program Budget</a></p>	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT alPHa urge the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to increase the 2009/2010 funding for preschool speech and language programs to continue to deliver services at current levels at a minimum;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT special consideration is given to communities that include a high urban aboriginal preschool population;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Children and Youth Services take a leadership role in reviewing the current funding structures for preschool speech and language services throughout the province of Ontario with a view to increasing accountability;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Ministers of Health &amp; Long-term Care and Health Promotion work with the Minister of Education and Training, and the Minister of Children and Youth Services to ensure school boards of Ontario are recognized as the appropriate provider of speech and language services to Ontario's children;</p> <p>AND FINALLY THAT a smooth transition to school based speech and language services be achieved by supporting the school boards of Ontario to provide speech and language services, and funding school boards to do the same.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/c156_child_development.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/c156_child_development.asp</a></p>	<p>September 24 2009</p> <p>Reply received from Minister of Children and Youth Services, indicating the likelihood that this issue will be examined as part of Ontario's move toward full-day learning and a review of School Health Support Services may be opportunities for further work on the issue. It also states that no increases to base funding should be expected. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 17 2009</p> <p>Letter written to Minister of Children and Youth Services introducing Resolution A09-6. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Safe Water</p> <p><i>Public exposure to water-borne illnesses is mitigated</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09-7 Regulation of the Bottled Water Industry</a></p>	<p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT alPHa urges the Government of Canada to enact a comprehensive regulatory regime for the bottled water industry administered and enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bottled water conforming, at a minimum, to the <i>Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality</i>,</li> <li>b) Comprehensive bottled water labelling, including the water source, quantity and contents of any added ingredients, packaging date, expiry, treatment processes, the instruction “refrigerate after opening”, and manufacturers contact information,</li> <li>c) Public reporting of water quality tests performed by manufacturers from government-approved laboratories testing for bacteriological, chemical and radiological contaminants on a specified regular basis, and</li> <li>d) Regular reviewing and updating of bottled water labelling and testing requirements; and</li> </ul> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT alPHa urges the Government of Canada to continue to significantly reinvest in public drinking water infrastructure through federal transfers to the provinces, territories and municipalities, possibly including from revenues derived from a special surtax levied on the profits of the bottled water industry</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prime Minister of Canada, Ministers of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Health Canada, Finance and the Environment, Chief Public Health</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp</a></p>	<p>November 9 2009</p> <p>Response received from the federal Minister of Health, outlining the existing standards and guidelines governing bottled water safety in Canada. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 20 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the federal Minister of Health urging immediate and comprehensive regulatory regime for bottled water products. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Food Safety</p> <p><i>There is reduced incidence of food-borne illness;</i></p> <p><i>There is reduced exposure to food that is unfit for human consumption;</i></p> <p><i>Private and public food providers handle and manage food in a safe and sanitary manner.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A09-8 2008 Listeriosis Outbreak in Ontario</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHA urges the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Health Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and the Public Health Agency of Canada to act immediately to implement the recommendations of the CMOH's Report on the Management of the 2008 Listeriosis Outbreak in Ontario; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that alPHA urges the Government of Ontario and Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health to ensure that boards of health receive sufficient provincial funding to ensure that local public health agencies have the capacity to investigate and report foodborne and other outbreaks in as complete and timely a fashion as possible; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that alPHA urges the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health to track the implementation of his recommendations and publicly report on the status of implementation at least annually until they are fully implemented; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Health Canada, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Finance and Health and Long-Term Care, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion are so advised.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp</a></p>	<p>November 24 2009</p> <p>Response received from the federal Minister of Health indicating that the Government of Canada has recently announced \$75M to implement the federal portion of the <i>Report of the Independent Investigator into the 2008 Listeriosis Outbreak</i>. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 19 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the federal and provincial Ministers of Health and the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada urging implementation of the recommendations of the April 2009 CMOH Report. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

## 2008 Resolutions

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<p>Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse</p> <p><i>The public is aware of the impact associated with injury and substance misuse</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A08-2 - Establish Stricter Advertising Standards for Alcohol:</a></p>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the federal government, Ontario government, and Advertising Standards Council to establish stricter advertising standards for alcohol.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/substanceuse.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/substanceuse.asp</a></p>	<p>November 21, 2008 Letter written to the Premier of Ontario informing him of this and other alcohol-related resolutions passed in October 2008. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>
<p>Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse</p> <p><i>The public is aware of the impact associated with injury and substance misuse</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A08-3 - Advocacy for an Enhanced Provincial Public Education and Promotion Campaign on the Negative Health Impacts of Alcohol Misuse:</a></p>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the Ontario government to create an enhanced public education and promotion campaign on the negative health impacts of alcohol misuse as one component of a comprehensive strategy</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/substanceuse.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/substanceuse.asp</a></p>	<p>November 21, 2008 Letter written to the Premier of Ontario informing him of this and other alcohol-related resolutions passed in October 2008. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Foundational Standard /</p> <p><i>Public health practitioners, policy-makers, community partners, health care providers, and the public are aware of the best available research regarding the factors that determine the health of the population and support effective public health practice</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A08-10 - Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy:</a></p>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) call for a government commitment to implement a coordinated, long-term poverty strategy with targets, timelines, a dedicated budget and ongoing evaluation in order to achieve sustained results, including meeting a target of reducing 2005 poverty rates by 25% by 2012 and 50% by 2017.</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT ALPHA endorse the content and recommendations of the Campaign 2000 discussion paper, A Poverty Reduction Strategy for Ontario.</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp</a></p>	<p>March 23 2009</p> <p>Response received from the Premier's Office to the March 4th letter. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>March 4 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Premier, copied to all members of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, introducing this and three other poverty-related resolutions passed at the 2008 annual meeting. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>January 29, 2009</p> <p>ALPHA and the OPHA have sent a joint letter to the Finance Minister and the Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction congratulating them on the release of Breaking the Cycle, Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy and suggesting several policy interventions that should be included. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a> (March 13 2009 - <a href="#">Reply</a> received from Minister Matthews)</p> <p>December 4, 2008</p> <p>The Provincial Government has announced its Poverty Reduction Strategy, as developed by the Cabinet Committee led by Deb Matthews. It commits to set a five-year target of reducing poverty by 25% as urged by the "25 in 5" coalition.</p> <p><a href="http://www.growingstronger.ca/english/default.asp">http://www.growingstronger.ca/english/default.asp</a></p>

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<p>Child Health /</p> <p><i>The board of health is aware of and uses epidemiology to influence the development of healthy public policy and its programs and services for the promotion of healthy child development.</i></p> <p>Foundational Standard /</p> <p><i>Public health practitioners, policy-makers, community partners, health care providers, and the public are aware of the best available research regarding the factors that determine the health of the population and support effective public health practice</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A08-11 Poverty Reduction Strategy Linked to Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Base Funding</a></p> <p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies urge the Government of Ontario to ensure that the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction identifies the HBHC Program as a critical intervention in a poverty reduction strategy;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario recognize that the HBHC Program provides services that Ontario's families require, particularly low income families, that assist families to overcome the impact of poverty, provide children with a healthy start in life, and enhance opportunities for life-long success contributing to a</i></p>	<p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario provide a significant increase to base funding to cover the full costs of delivery for all eligible clients for HBHC Programs along with annual increases to maintain service delivery to complement the poverty reduction strategy;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies utilize the results of the HBHC alpha survey conducted with its member boards of health to inform the development of an advocacy strategy focused on funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies work in partnership with other agencies or organizations regarding further advocacy strategies in support of the HBHC program.</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp</a></p>	<p>March 23 2009</p> <p>Response received from the Premier's Office to the March 4th letter. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>March 4 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Premier, copied to all members of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, introducing this and three other poverty-related resolutions passed at the 2008 annual meeting. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>December 4 2008</p> <p>The Provincial Government has announced its Poverty Reduction Strategy, as developed by the Cabinet Committee led by Deb Matthews. It mentions the existence of the HBHC program in the "Stronger Healthier Kids and Families", but no enhancements.</p> <p><a href="http://www.growingstronger.ca/english/report/chapter1.asp">http://www.growingstronger.ca/english/report/chapter1.asp</a></p>

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<p>Foundational Standard /</p> <p><i>Boards of health shall also ensure that barriers to accessing public health programs and services are minimized. Barriers can include but are not limited to education; literacy levels; language; culture; geography; economic circumstances; discrimination (e.g., age, sexual orientation, race, etc.); social factors, including social isolation; and mental and physical ability</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Resolution A08-12 - Provincial Dental Program</a></p>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Provincial Poverty Reduction Committee and the Premier of Ontario to immediately implement the dental program for low income families as promised in the 2008 provincial budget.</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp</a></p>	<p>January 21 2010</p> <p>Response to ALPHA's December 2009 letter received from the Premier. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>December 17 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Premier urging follow through on a coherent provincial strategy for dental services for low-income Ontarians, with a renewed focus on adults. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>July 7 2009</p> <p>Letter sent to the Premier urging immediate and full implementation of the dental program for low-income Ontarians that was promised in the 2008 provincial budget. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>March 23 2009</p> <p>Response received from the Premier's Office to the March 4th letter. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>March 4 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Premier, copied to all members of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, introducing this and three other poverty-related resolutions passed at the 2008 annual meeting. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>December 4, 2008</p> <p>The Provincial Government has announced its Poverty Reduction Strategy, which repeats the promise of investing \$45M annually to provide dental care for low-income Ontarians. This is to</p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention Program/  <i>Policy-makers have the information required to enable them to amend current policies or develop new policies that would have an impact on the prevention of chronic diseases.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A08 - 13 Ban on Commercial Advertising of Food and Beverages to Children Under the Age of 13</a></p>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies call for a ban on all commercial advertising of food and beverages targeted to children under 13 years of age by the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies partner with the Ontario Public Health Association, Toronto Public Health and other interested stakeholders to develop and implement an effective province-wide advocacy plan.</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/nutritionobesity.asp</a></p>	<p>November 13 2009</p> <p>Letter written to Canadian Heritage Minister (Responsible for the Broadcasting Act and the CRTC) introducing alPHa's position on prohibiting commercial advertising to children. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>November 10 2009</p> <p>alPHa has received a response from the Minister of Industry. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>September 10 2009</p> <p>Reply received from the Minister of Consumer Services. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>August 4 2009</p> <p>alPHa has written to the federal Ministers of Health and of Industry, as well as the provincial Minister of Consumer Services to introduce this resolution, along with Resolution A09-1 calling for a general ban on marketing to children less than 13 years of age. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>February 5 2009</p> <p>As part of its annual winter meeting, alPHa held a panel discussion on advertising to children in order to inform next steps for advocating on this resolution. Notes and presentations on the discussion are available in the Proceedings Package. Please click to read. <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/li">http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/li</a></p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention:</p> <p><i>Community partners have the capacity to address the risk factors associated with chronic diseases, including poor diet</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07- 2, Childhood Obesity and Trans Fats</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHa urges the Government of Canada to respond to “Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids” and the Trans Fat Task Force reports and implement their recommendations as quickly as possible;</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawebsite.org/nutritionobesity.asp">http://www.alphawebsite.org/nutritionobesity.asp</a></p>	<p>June 15 2009</p> <p>alPHa has passed a new resolution on this subject, which urges more specific action on mandating the removal of trans fat from the food supply.</p> <p>April 30, 2009</p> <p>alPHa has written a letter to the Premier in support of Bill 156 -</p> <p>March 10 2009</p> <p>MPP France Gelinhas has introduced PM Bill 156, <i>Healthy Decisions for Healthy Eating</i>, which would amend the HPPA to require certain food premises to disclose nutritional information and to limit the amount of trans fat in their products according to the recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force report.</p> <p>April 28 2008</p> <p>Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act receives Royal Assent, amending the Education Act. specifies the maximum percentages of trans fat in food / ingredients offered for sale in schools.</p> <p>March 5 2008</p> <p>Reply received from Minister of Education to the January 2008 letter.</p> <p>January 7 2007</p> <p>Letter written to Education Minister Kathleen Wynne expressing support for Bill 8, Healthy Food for Healthy Schools, and referring to this resolution.</p>

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<p>Infectious Diseases/ Vaccine Preventable Diseases:</p> <p><i>Increased coverage rates for VPD</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-5, Amendments of the Immunization of School Pupils Act</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies request that the Minister be requested to amend Regulation 645 of the ISPA to include Pertussis as a designated disease.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawe b.org/vaccine_prevention.asp">http://www.alphawe b.org/vaccine_prevention.asp</a></p>	<p>December 4, 2007 Reply received from the Director of the Infectious Diseases Branch of the MOHLTC, which summarizes difficulties in implementing the requested amendment. <u>Please click here to read.</u></p> <p>October 31, 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHa AGM. <u>Please click here to read.</u></p>
<p>Chronic Diseases and Injuries / Prevention of Injury and Substance Use and Abuse:</p> <p><i>Reduce the frequency, impact and severity of preventable injury, and of substance use and abuse</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-6, Advocate for a Provincial Strategy to Address Substance Use</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies request that the provincial government develop a comprehensive provincial strategy for alcohol and other drugs based on the four components of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement, in collaboration with the Ontario Health Education and Enforcement Partnership (HEP) initiative</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawe b.org/substanceuse.asp">http://www.alphawe b.org/substanceuse.asp</a></p>	<p>October 31, 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHa AGM. <u>Please click here to read.</u></p>

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<p>Infectious Diseases/Vaccine Preventable Diseases; Sexually Transmitted Infections:</p> <p><i>Increased coverage rates for VPD;</i></p> <p><i>Reduced transmission and incidence rates of sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne infections</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-7, Request for Public Funding for Human Papillomavirus Vaccine</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) requests the Government of Ontario to include HPV vaccine as a publicly funded immunization for females between the ages of nine and 26 years</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawe.org/vaccine_prevention.asp">http://www.alphawe.org/vaccine_prevention.asp</a></p>	<p>November 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 alPHa's Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health has endorsed the recommendations of the Toronto Board of Health report on HPV Vaccine Program Expansion <a href="#">Please click here to read the letter.</a> <a href="#">Please click here for the Toronto report.</a></p> <p>August 3, 2007 The provincial government has announced a publicly-funded programme for voluntary immunization of grade 8 girls against the human Papillomavirus, a known cause of genital warts and cervical cancer. <a href="#">Please click here for details of the programme.</a> <a href="#">Please click here for alPHa's press release</a></p> <p>October 31, 2007  Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHa AGM. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Family Health/ Reproductive Health:</p> <p><i>Surveillance - Increased awareness and use of local epidemiology to influence the development of healthy public policy and program delivery for the promotion of reproductive health.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-8, Ontario Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHa urges the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to establish an Ontario congenital anomaly surveillance system by working in partnership with the Ontario Ministries of Children and Youth Services, Government Services (Office of the Registrar General) and Health Promotion, and members of SPWG including those from the Niday Perinatal System, the Ontario Maternal Multiple Marker Screening Database, and the Fetal Alert Network</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawe b.org/phsurveil.asp">http://www.alphawe b.org/phsurveil.asp</a></p>	<p>November 7 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Chair of the Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance Network informing her of the resolution. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>October 31, 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHa AGM. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention:</p> <p><i>Surveillance - Early detection and identification of emerging trends related to chronic disease prevention and their associated risk factors and risk conditions</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-9, Cancer Care Ontario Support for Boards of Health</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHA urges Cancer Care Ontario to develop the following:</p> <p>-a clear process whereby boards of health may obtain timely data for areas smaller than the health unit level;</p> <p>-mechanisms and/or workshops to train public health epidemiologists on cancer analysis techniques;</p> <p>and</p> <p>a forum by which boards of health and CCO can share findings and data quality issues;</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawebsite.org/chronic_diseases_prevention.asp">http://www.alphawebsite.org/chronic_diseases_prevention.asp</a></p>	<p>April 21 2008</p> <p>alPHA ED Linda Stewart met with Dr. John McLaughlin, VP, Population Studies and Surveillance with CCO on April 21, 2008 regarding alPHA's resolution. CCO understands and supports the need for BOHs to get data at a smaller than health unit level, and are committed to developing a clear process whereby BOHs may obtain timely data.</p> <p>The major barrier is privacy legislation - PHIPA. CCO has the data, but there are currently privacy issues for geographic areas will less than 5 cases.</p> <p>Given an MOH is the end user of the data, CCO offered to ask the Privacy Commissioner to do a privacy impact assessment on the provision of data to BOHs. This is in progress.</p> <p>December 12, 2007 alPHA has written to the President and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario to introduce this Resolution. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>October 31, 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHA AGM. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Family Health / Child Health:</p> <p><i>Health promotion approach, to influence the development and implementation of healthy public policies, and/or to create or enhance supportive environments to address Oral Health</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A07-11, Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies request that the provincial government resume 100% funding of the CINOT dental treatment program;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT CINOT fees to service providers remain reasonably attractive by increasing them to at least 75% of the ODA approved fee schedule, reviewing them on a regularly scheduled basis and incorporating a 'cost of living' increase</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphawealth.org/dental_health.asp">http://www.alphawealth.org/dental_health.asp</a></p>	<p>October 31, 2007</p> <p>Letter written to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care introducing this and several other resolutions passed at the 2007 alPHa AGM. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>July 24, 2006</p> <p>alPHa has been invited by the Ministry of Health Promotion to participate in a consultation on the CINOT Schedule of Dental Services and Fees, and has written a letter outlining considerations as suggested by the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<p>Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse</p> <p><i>To influence the development and implementation of healthy policies and programs, and the creation of supportive environments that address road and off-road safety</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A06-2, All Terrain Vehicle Safety</a></p>	<p>THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to strike a multi-stakeholder ATV Task Group to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based approach, including amendments to the Off-Road Vehicles Act, to promote ATV safety and prevent ATV injuries, particularly in children</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/injuryprevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/injuryprevention.asp</a></p>	<p>September 2 2009 The Ontario Medical Association has called on the provincial government to strengthen Ontario legislation concerning ATVs, including banning anyone under the age of 14 from operating them. <a href="#">Please click here for the full news release</a></p> <p>November 23 2006 alPHa has received correspondence from the Director of the Province's Projects and Change Management Branch, indicating that there is a multi-stakeholder ATV group in place that is reviewing legislation and policies related to the Off Road Vehicles Act. <a href="#">Please click here to read</a> NB, alPHa staff could find no reference to such a group on the Ministry Web site.</p> <p>October 24, 2006 alPHa has sent e-mail to the Canada Safety Council with links to our Injury Prevention-related resolutions, inviting the identification of opportunities to work together on advocacy.</p>

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<p>Chronic Disease Prevention</p> <p><i>To influence the development and implementation of healthy policies and programs, and the creation of supportive environments that address exposure to ultraviolet radiation</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A06-3, Health-Based Regulation of the Management and Use of Artificial Tanning Equipment</a></p>	<p>THAT the Government of Ontario pass and promote legislation governing the use of artificial tanning equipment based on the above-named WHO Report's Recommendations for the Management of Sunbed Operations, that includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regulation of the safety claims permitted by tanning salon owners and operators</li> <li>• training requirements for operators of artificial tanning equipment</li> <li>• a ban on the use of artificial tanning for those under 18, subject to the advice of a regulated health professional</li> <li>• the formulation of enforceable safe operating standards for the tanning industry, including, maximum exposure times and warnings to consumers related to the use of UV-emitting tanning equipment</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Artificial Tanning Sunbeds - Risks and Guidance.</a></p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/cancer_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/cancer_prevention.asp</a></p>	<p>July 30, 2009</p> <p>Following the addition of UV-emitting tanning devices to the International Agency for Cancer Research list of Group 1 (definite) human carcinogens, alPha has sent a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to remind him of the outstanding alPha Resolution. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>June 12, 2008 Bill 83 has passed second reading and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.</p> <p>May 28, 2008 Khalil Ramal (MPP - London-Fanshawe) has introduced Bill 83, the Skin Cancer Prevention Act, which - if passed - would prohibit the provision of artificial tanning services to persons under the age of 19. <a href="#">The bill may be viewed here</a></p>

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<p>Health Hazard Prevention and Management</p> <p><i>Timely and effective detection and identification of environmental health hazards and illnesses of public health importance, their associated risk factors and emerging trends.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">#A06-5, Boarding or Lodging Homes</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHa urge the Government of Ontario to review the need to regulate boarding or lodging houses, including rest and retirement homes</p> <p>THAT this review include but not be limited to the following:</p> <p>a) The applicability of the recommendations of the 1992 Commission of Inquiry into Unregulated Residential Accommodation</p> <p>b) The need for boarding and lodging houses to register with medical officers of health and municipalities on a mandatory basis</p> <p>c) The setting of mandatory minimum standards for personal care in boarding or lodging houses that provide such care for their residents</p> <p>d) The role of medical officers of health with respect to the inspection and enforcement of such personal care standards</p>		<p><a href="http://www.alpha.web.org/seniors_health.asp">http://www.alpha.web.org/seniors_health.asp</a></p>	<p>April 2 2008</p> <p>alPHa has sent a follow up letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reminding him of this Resolution. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>March 7 2008</p> <p>Durham Region Board of Health has passed a resolution calling on the government to make consumer protection legislation for retirement homes a priority in 2008. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>February 12, 2007</p> <p>alPHa has sent a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care informing him of the resolution. Jim Bradley, Minister Responsible for Seniors has been copied. <a href="#">Please click here to read the letter.</a></p> <p>December 22, 2006</p> <p>The Ontario Seniors' Secretariat has launched a consultation on regulating rest and retirement homes (i.e. those that are not covered under the proposed <a href="#">Long Term Care Homes Act</a>) Please click here for details of the proposal.</p>

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<p>Infectious Diseases/ Vaccine Preventable Diseases:</p> <p><i>Increased coverage rates for VPD</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 2, Mandatory Annual Influenza Immunization of Health Care Workers (HCW)</a></p>	<p>THAT alpha urge the Minister of Health and Long-term Care in consultation with the CMOH and PIDAC to introduce legislation to require mandatory annual vaccination against influenza for all health care workers and other service providers in facilities and community settings, who, through their activities, are potentially capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk for influenza complications, with allowances for exemptions based on the most current research on contraindications and precautions as reported from time to time by the NACI.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp</a></p>	<p>December 2005 Awaiting response from the Minister of Health and Long-term Care regarding the letter sent in December 2005 introducing the resolution.</p>

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<p>Emergency Preparedness</p> <p><i>Enhanced public health emergency preparedness, response, and recovery behaviours</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 3, Health Care Facilities- Evacuation Plans</a></p>	<p>THAT the Government of Ontario develop and/or amend legislation such that all HCFs, including long-term care homes, are required to have written evacuation plans that include as a minimum the isolation, evacuation, transportation, relocation of residents/patients to a collection centre or other facility and details on their continuity of care;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT such legislation also require HCFs to practice and evaluate their evacuation plans on a regular basis;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario consults widely with EMS providers, hospitals, long-term care homes, municipalities and other key stakeholders to implement such legislation</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/emergency.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/emergency.asp</a></p>	<p>May 10, 2007</p> <p>alpha has written a letter to re-introduce this resolution to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, as no response was ever received to the letter described below. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>December 2005 Awaiting response from the Minister of Health and Long-term Care regarding the letter sent in December 2005 introducing the resolution.</p>

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<p>Foundational Standard (Principles)</p> <p><i>Boards of health shall ensure that barriers to accessing public health programs and services are minimized. Barriers can include but are not limited to education; literacy levels; language; culture; geography; economic circumstances; discrimination (e.g., age, sexual orientation, race, etc.); social factors, including social isolation; and mental and physical ability</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 5, Access to Dental Care</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) supports the action of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and calls on the Government of Canada, in consultation with Provincial, Territorial and Local Governments, to develop a comprehensive National Oral Health Strategy that would have, as its goal, providing universal access of both preventive and treatment services to all Canadians.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/dental_health.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/dental_health.asp</a></p>	<p>November 30 2006 A follow-up e-mail from Dr. Bowes indicates that he has brought this issue forward to Canada's Chief Dental Health Officer, who has described the current federal position (i.e. providing services to vulnerable populations). <a href="#">The text of this reply may be read here</a>. Dr. Bowes further indicates that OAPHD Executive has not suggested further steps or key messages at this time.</p> <p>November 1 2006 Received a reply from Dr. Bowes indicating that he would include this on the next OAPHD Executive Meeting agenda.</p> <p>October 31 2006 alPHA has sent e-mail to OAPHD President Robert Bowes to update on progress so far and invite suggestions of key messages and next steps.</p> <p>May 8, 2006 Reply Received: <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008671509.pdf">www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008671509.pdf</a></p> <p>February 15, 2006 alPHA correspondence sent to Federal Minister of Health Tony Clement introducing the Resolution. <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008281815.pdf">http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008281815.pdf</a></p>

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<p>Environmental Health</p> <p><i>There is reduced incidence of adverse health outcomes from exposure to chemical, radiological, biological, and other physical factors in the environment.</i></p> <p><i>There is reduced public exposure to health hazards.</i></p> <p><i>There is increased capacity on the part of the public and community partners to address the risk factors that reduce health hazard exposure and diseases.</i></p> <p><i>There is increased public engagement in practices and activities that reduce exposure to hazardous conditions and factors and protect the environment.</i></p> <p><i>There is increased community partner participation in developing local policies and programs that address the risk factors associated with health hazard exposure and diseases.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 6, Expert Panel on Sound-Sorb</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to act immediately to implement all the recommendations of its Experts Panel on Sound-Sorb as soon as possible; and</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to act immediately to regulate and control the storage of paper fibre biosolids (PFBs), the manufacturing and land application of other related PFB products as soon as possible</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp</a></p>	<p>May 9, 2006 Durham MPP John O'Toole has called on the provincial government to take action concerning the control of paper fibre biosolids following the recommendations of the provincial experts' panel. Mr. O'Toole has introduced his own Private Member's Bill (Bill 24) to require that a person obtain a certificate of approval from the Ministry of the Environment before spreading or storing sewage sludge, other biosolids and products derived from them. <a href="#">Please click here to read the press release.</a> <a href="#">Please click here to view the first reading of the Bill</a></p> <p>March 31, 2006 Brock Council (part of Durham Region) has taken steps to consider a by-law that would ban paper sludge as there is no clear motion on the issue by the MOE February 22, 2006 Response received from Minister of the Environment indicating that the Ministry is currently reviewing the findings of the Experts Panel on Sound Sorb (which recommended removing its current C of A exemption) <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008375408.pdf">http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008375408.pdf</a></p>

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<p>Food Safety</p> <p><i>There is reduced incidence of food-borne illness;</i></p> <p><i>There is reduced exposure to food that is unfit for human consumption;</i></p> <p><i>Private and public food providers handle and manage food in a safe and sanitary manner.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 7, Haines Meat Inspection Review</a></p>	<p>THAT alPHa urge the Government of Ontario and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to act immediately to develop and implement a food safety action plan to advance Justice Haines' recommendations that pertain to boards of health and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp</a></p>	<p>May 29 2009</p> <p>The Environmental Health Branch of the Public Health Division has released a detailed progress report on recommendations in the Haines report assigned in whole or in part to the Ministry of Health and Long Term care. It lists the recommendations and reports on the varying degrees of progress for each.</p> <p>May 25, 2006</p> <p>The Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO) has sent a letter to the Chief Medical Officer of Health that expresses concerns about proposed exemptions of farmers' markets from provisions of the Food Premises Regulation. It argues that this represents a step in the opposite direction of the Haines recommendations.</p>

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<p>Foundational Standard</p> <p><i>Community-based planning and delivery of public health programs and services incorporate new public health knowledge</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 10, SARS Commission</a></p>	<p>THAT alPha urges the Government of Ontario to act immediately to establish a consultation process to review and advance the recommendations of the second interim report of the SARS Commission that are not being addressed by Operation Health Protection</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp</a></p>	<p>December 2005 Awaiting response from the Minister of Health and Long-term Care regarding the letter sent in December 2005 introducing the resolution.</p>
<p>Injury Prevention</p> <p><i>An increased proportion of the public lives in safe and supportive environments.</i></p> <p><i>There is reduced incidence and severity of injuries and injury-related hospitalizations, disabilities, and deaths.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 13, Window Safety Devices</a></p>	<p>THAT alPha urges the Government of Ontario to act immediately to amend the Ontario Building Code to require the installation of an acceptable window safety devices in multiple-dwellings such that in every multiple-dwelling, every window, any part of which is capable of being opened, that does not lead to a balcony, that is located two metres or more above the finished grade of land upon which it faces, and is not otherwise equipped to prevent falls shall be equipped with a safety device to prevent an opening in any part of the window greater than 100 millimetres.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/injuryprevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/injuryprevention.asp</a></p>	<p>February 15, 2006 alPha correspondence sent to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Copied to the CMOH, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Minister of Health Promotion and the Premier. <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008260516.pdf">http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008260516.pdf</a></p>

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<p>Food Safety</p> <p><i>There is reduced incidence of food-borne illness;</i></p> <p><i>There is reduced exposure to food that is unfit for human consumption;</i></p> <p><i>Private and public food providers handle and manage food in a safe and sanitary manner.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 15, Mandatory Pasteurization of Fruit Juices and Cider</a></p>	<p>The Food Premises Regulation must be amended to require fruit juices and be pasteurized.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp</a></p>	<p>December 2005 Awaiting response from the Minister of Health and Long-term Care regarding the letter sent in December 2005 introducing the resolution.</p>

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<p>Principle 3: Capacity</p> <p><i>Understanding local public health capacity and the resources required to achieve outcomes is essential for effective management of programs and services. All boards of health shall strive to achieve the needed capacity and resources required to meet these standards. Continuous measurement of the resource implications of the standards supports boards of health in their decision-making for managing towards optimal achievement of outcomes.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05 - 16, Local Funding of Public Health Agencies</a></p>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) petition the federal and provincial governments to ensure that municipalities have additional means of revenue generation to ensure the availability of resources adequate to meet local public health needs.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp</a></p>	<p>Fall 2006 AMO, the City of Toronto and the Ontario Government have entered into discussions under the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review, to include the financing and funding relationship, as well as service delivery and service governance. Report and recommendations are due in the Spring of 2008. <a href="http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_28110_1.html">http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_28110_1.html</a></p> <p>February 23, 2006 alPHA received a response from the federal Department of Finance acknowledging receipt of the alPHA letter sent February 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Awaiting substantive responses to Feb 15<sup>th</sup> alPHA correspondence from provincial and federal Ministers of Finance.</p>

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<p>Social and Economic Determinants of Health</p> <p><i>Public health practitioners, policy-makers, community partners, health care providers, and the public are aware of the best available research regarding the factors that determine the health of the population and support effective public health practice</i></p>	<p><a href="#">A05-18, Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Participants and Low Wage Earners</a></p>	<p>THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to review the adequacy of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates from a health perspective and that allowances for basic needs and shelter be based on actual current representative costs;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to review the current minimum wage from a health perspective and establish a living wage for all Ontario workers.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp</a></p>	<p>March 13 2009</p> <p>Letter written to the Premier urging him to add a Healthy Food Supplement to Ontario's social assistance rates as part of the 2009 Put Food in the Budget Campaign. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>February - March 2009  alPHA, in partnership with the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction, is engaged in a campaign to "Put Food in the Budget", the goal of which is to have a \$100.00 Healthy Food Supplement added to social assistance rates.  alPHA has provided the following materials in an information package to its members, encouraging them to use it to inform local efforts:</p>

### Active Resolutions > 5 Years

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<a href="#">#A04-9, Public Health Impact Statement Requirements</a>	<i>THAT the Government of Ontario immediately require that public health impact analysis statements be a component of Cabinet Submissions prepared by any Ministry of Government</i>	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp</a>	<p>May 9, 2006</p> <p>Minister of Health Promotion has replied to alPHa's February 1 letter. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>
<a href="#">#A04-7, Minimum Separation Distances from Sewage Systems to Wells and Surface Waters</a>	<i>THAT alPHa petition the Minister of Municipal Affairs to immediately amend the regulations governing the repair and replacement of sewage systems to include a clear definition of the "repair" and "replacement" of sewage systems and to require that the minimum separation to wells and surface water not be less than that required for newly constructed sewage systems.</i>	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp</a>	<p>A04-7 May 9 2007 alPHa Staff has sent e-mail to Resolution Sponsor to inquire about any recent developments and suggestions for next steps.</p> <p>August 25th, 2005 Reply received from MMAH regarding alPHa's July 11 letter. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>July 11, 2005 New letter sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reintroduce the resolution and further explain our concerns. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<a href="#">#A04-3, National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health</a>	that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Canada to implement all of the National Advisory Committee's recommendations; AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Canada to strike a Ministerial Advisory Committee, including representation from alPHa and its Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health, to oversee and guide the implementation of these recommendations; AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Canada to direct the Minister of State for Public Health to report to parliament at least annually on the progress of the implementation	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp</a>	July 21, 2004 Letter sent to Federal Minister of Health Ujjal Dosanjh and Minister of State (Public Health) Carolyn Bennett introducing Resolution #A04-3 for their attention. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a>
<a href="#">#A03-5, Monitoring of Human Exposure to Chemicals</a>	<i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the federal government to establish and fund a program of human chemical testing in Canada modeled upon the current American program.</i>	2	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp</a>	November 19 2008  Preliminary findings have been released from the CHMS on mercury, lead and cadmium levels in Canadians. <a href="#">Please see here for more.</a>  January 19, 2007 The strategy for the first Canadian Health Measures Survey has been established. Various data will be collected from a representative sample of approx. 5,000 Canadians over the next 24 months, with initial data dissemination expected in 2009. <a href="#">Full details are available from Statistics Canada</a>

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<a href="#">#A03-3, Helicobacter Pylori and Gastric Cancer Prevention</a>	<p>THAT the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and Ontario Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation are urged to fund a demonstration project to evaluate the merits of a high-risk H. pylori screening and treatment</p>	3	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/chronic_disease_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/chronic_disease_prevention.asp</a>	<p>February 8 2009</p> <p>alPHa has received an excerpt on stomach cancer from the Canadian Cancer Society's <i>Canadian Cancer Encyclopedia</i>, which includes the following statement:</p> <p><i>"To date, there is no screening test recommended for stomach cancer. Because of the low incidence of stomach cancer in Canada, mass screening of the general population using upper gastrointestinal (GI) series (barium swallow) or gastroscopy (endoscopy of the upper GI tract) would not be cost effective."</i></p>
<a href="#">#A03-2, Health Care Renewal and Prevention</a>	<p>THAT alPHa urge the Governments of Canada and Ontario to honour the First Ministers' Commitment to Canadians by vigorously pursuing an Ontario Healthy Living Strategy and National Immunization Strategy;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT alPHa actively monitors and shapes health care renewal and prevention in Ontario as outlined above, including the development of position papers and other instruments as and if required</p>	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp</a>	<p>April 2005</p> <p>As promised by the National Immunization Strategy (NIS), the federal government created new immunization programs across Canada to protect children from pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, chicken pox and whooping cough. Since that time, the provinces and territories have put in place programs that fund one or more of these vaccines. The new vaccines add to the current immunization programs for tetanus, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough, invasive Hib infections, measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B.</p>

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<a href="#">#A03-1, Establishment of Health Goals and Objectives for Ontario</a>	<p><i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the government of Ontario to review the current process for development and adoption of Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines within the Health Protection and Promotion Act and replace it with a process to establish health goals and objectives for the province of Ontario and subsequently set requirements and standards for all government ministries and government-funded agencies that are comprehensive, complementary and effective in promoting the health of Ontario residents in light of the provincial goals and objectives</i></p>		<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/c161_phg.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/c161_phg.asp</a>	<p>December 11 2006</p> <p>Reply received from the Minister of Health Promotion indicating that he appreciated the request that these resolutions be considered by his Interministerial Committee on Healthy Living  <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008683058.pdf">www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008683058.pdf</a></p> <p>May 12 2006</p> <p>Letter to Minister Watson re. alPHa Resolutions A03-1 (Public Health Goals) and A04-9 (Public Health Impact Statements) for consideration by his Interministerial Committee on Healthy Living  <a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008175627.pdf">www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_008175627.pdf</a></p>

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<a href="#">#A02-10, Aboriginal Public Health in Ontario</a>	<p>THAT alPHa strongly recommends and urgently requests that a comprehensive review and consultation process, to include First Nations representatives, senior federal and provincial health ministry representatives, municipal government representatives, alPHa and Boards of Health representatives, be initiated by the provincial and federal government for the purpose of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Clearly determining an Aboriginal Public Health system in and for Ontario First Nation citizens;</li> <li>2) Developing, resourcing and staffing an Aboriginal Public Health Resource centre;</li> <li>3) Establishing methods of funding, reporting and evaluating such systems so as to guarantee the equitable and quality delivery of all aspects of the <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> and its Regulations to all First Nation citizens of Ontario while maintaining fiduciary responsibility of the Federal government in accordance with the Canadian Constitution (British North American Act) and Treaty rights of First Nation Citizens</li> </ol>	4	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/sdoh.asp</a>	<p>March 17, 2008 alPHa has received a reply from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs indicating that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is working with the federal government on a First Nations public health framework and providing a contact for his ADM for a meeting. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>December 12, 2007 alPHa has written a letter to the new Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to make him aware of this resolution and some of the progress that has occurred thus far, and invite further discussion about the role of the new Ministry. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>
<a href="#">#A02-6, Arsenic in Drinking Water</a>	<p>THAT alPHa urge the Government of Ontario to amend Regulation 459/00 under the Ontario Water Resources Act to set a Maximum Acceptable Concentration for Arsenic in drinking water of 0.003 mg/L (3 ppb).</p>		<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp</a>	<p>July 4 2007 alPHa has received a reply from MOE to the May 10 letter indicating that the current guideline is under review. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<a href="#">#A02-5, Reporting on Sexual Health, AIDS and Other STD Teaching</a>	<i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) petition the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request the Minister of Education to amend appropriate sections of the Education Act so as to require the reporting of the proportion of students in grades 7-9 receiving the minimum three hours of sexual health teaching and three hours of education about AIDS and other STD's, annually, by schools, and further that such reports be provided to the Boards of Health having jurisdiction for each school</i>	3	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/c156_child_development.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/c156_child_development.asp</a>	February 7, 2003 Received a response from Geoff Kettel at the Public Health Branch that the MOHLTC is "committed to supporting health units in the implementation of mandated health promotion activities...to that end, the Branch is involved in a number of ongoing activities, which address the provision of health education in school curriculums, including sexual health education".
<a href="#">#A02-4, Mandatory Cervical Screening Test Reporting</a>	alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to amend the <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> and the regulations thereunder such that laboratory operators and colposcopists are required to file reports on cervical cancer screening to the appropriate person employed by Cancer Care Ontario; AND FURTHER that Government of Ontario work with alPHa and other key stakeholders to investigate and advance the mandatory reporting, under the authority of <i>the Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> , of other non-communicable diseases	2	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/chronic_disease_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/chronic_disease_prevention.asp</a>	October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 alPHa has sent a letter to CCO CEO Dr. Terry Sullivan following the release of the <i>Report on Cancer 2020: A Call for Renewed Action on Cancer Prevention and Detection in Ontario</i> , with a request to discuss how alPHa and CCO can work together to achieve its goals and objectives. Each of alPHa's active cancer-related Resolutions was attached. <a href="#">Please click here to read</a>

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<a href="#">#A02-2, Adequate Funding for Public Health Programs and Services</a>	<p><i>THAT aPHa urge the Government of Ontario to ensure that all boards of health receive adequate municipal and provincial funding such that all boards of health are able to fully comply with the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER that aPHa urge the Government of Ontario to recognize and affirm that an unwillingness to adequately fund public health programs and services results in further erosion of these essential programs and services which will adversely affect the health of all Ontarians and will lead to many preventable hospitalizations and deaths occurring resulting in substantial additional costs to the health care system and the overall economy</i></p>	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/govandadmin.asp</a>	<p>October 2006  aPHa has compiled feedback from the survey described below and shared the results with members. On October 31st, a letter was sent to Minister Smitherman on the impact of the provincial cap, focused on the inability of many health units to proceed with previously approved program expansions. <a href="#">Please click here to read the letter.</a></p> <p>June 8, 2006  aPHa has sent a letter to the CMOH and all MPPs describing the expected impacts of the announced 5% cap on growth of public health funding at the provincial level. Includes the results of a survey of all health units, to which 33 of 36 responded. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p>

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<a href="#">#A01-13, Tuberculosis Control Among New Immigrants to Canada</a>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) urges the Government of Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To develop and implement, as soon as possible, an effective and efficient process that ensures that all “Medical Surveillance Undertakings” are brought to the attention of local medical officers of health in a timely and complete manner for expeditious action;</li> <li>◆ To ensure that individuals placed on medical surveillance by Citizenship and Immigration Canada are given sufficient information at the time of signature about whom and how to contact the appropriate provincial/territorial health clinic and that the information be culturally sensitive;</li> <li>◆ To ensure that individuals on medical surveillance are followed by CIC to verify that they have reported to appropriate provincial/territorial health clinics within 30 days as per the Medical Surveillance Undertaking form; and</li> <li>◆ To ensure that sufficient health care resources are made available to allow all those on medical surveillance to be fully assessed by an experienced health care provider in tuberculosis management and, if necessary, treated in a timely manner</li> </ul>	2	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/InfectiousDiseases.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/InfectiousDiseases.asp</a>	<p>July 2002 alPHA is following up with key stakeholders to determine how to move forward.</p>

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<a href="#">#A01-12, Indoor Air Quality in Schools</a>	<i>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) petition the Province of Ontario to establish indoor air quality standards in Ontario schools</i>	3	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/environmental_health.asp</a>	September 25, 2002 Received a letter from Education Minister indicating that IAQ in schools is to be addressed by a \$4 million per year Action Plan against asthma, which includes the Air Quality School Guidelines initiative to be spear headed by the MOHLTC.
<a href="#">#A01-10, Access to Safe Drinking Water</a>	<p>THAT aLPHa urge the Government of Ontario to amend the Ontario Building Code Act to require that all new residential buildings that will rely on a private surface water supply which includes a dug well, must have effective filtration and disinfection equipment;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that in order to encourage the outfitting of existing residential buildings aLPHa request the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to allow the cost of retrofitting with water filtration and disinfection equipment as tax deductible.</p>	1	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/safe_water.asp</a>	<p>August 22, 2002 Received a reply from Minister Stockwell, indicating that solutions are being sought to address concerns expressed about requirements of O. Reg 459/00. The MOE will also be providing information to operators of systems not covered by 459 or 505/01 expressing that they need to ensure safe water. New standards for wells are also being proposed.</p> <p>July 10, 2002 Received a letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs &amp; Housing Minister Chris Hodgson, who indicated his commitment to safe drinking water, and pointed out that potable water is a requirement of the building code. He also pointed out that the MOE is responsible for establishing drinking water standards, and forwarded a copy of our letter to Minister Stockwell.</p>

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<a href="#"># A01-3, Vaccine Availability</a>	<p>THAT alPHa petition the Provincial Government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) fund all vaccines licensed in Canada within 12 months of such licensure and</li> <li>2) make all vaccines licensed in Canada available through Boards of Health for administration to the categories of individuals as recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.</li> </ol>		<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/vaccine_prevention.asp</a>	<p>March 22, 2004</p> <p>The following is an excerpt from the <a href="#">health chapter of the Federal Budget, 2004</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ \$300 million for a national immunization strategy that would support the introduction of new and recommended childhood and adolescent vaccines (as proposed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization). The SARS outbreak reminded Canadians about the importance of immunization to Canada's public health system. This unexpected event suggested that the Government of Canada needs to do more in this key public health area. This new funding will build on the \$45 million provided in the 2003 budget to improve the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, enhance coordination and efficiency of immunization procurement, and ensure better information on immunization coverage rates within Canada.</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">#A00-5, Food Safety</a>	<p>THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Ontario to amend the appropriate legislation, regulation or standards such that all high and medium risk food premises, where at least three food handlers are employed at any one time, have at least one certified food handler on duty at all times;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to amend the appropriate legislation, regulation or standards such that fines that are charged to non-compliant food premises are raised such that they act as a significant deterrent for further non-compliance;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa request the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO) to investigate the feasibility of a rating system, and if applicable, develop a system whereby food premises are rated according to their compliance with applicable legislation, regulation and standards, including food handler certification and whereby food premises are required to post such ratings on an ongoing basis in a permanent site;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario to support this resolution</p>	3	<a href="http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp">http://www.alphaweb.org/food_safety.asp</a>	<p>August 20, 2008 CIPHI has sent a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care urging a series of amendments, including requirements for food handler certification, registration with health units and operation permits. <a href="#">Please click here to read.</a></p> <p>September 2003 alPHa is contacting key stakeholders within the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario to determine the status of food handler training.</p>