

DRAFT MINUTES
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Tuesday September 29, 2009
1 - 3 PM

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

REGRETS: Vera Etches

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM. Agenda approved as circulated with the addition of ITEM 5.1 - Planned Event on Child Health (L. Stewart).

2.0 Approval of Minutes – August 11th, 2009

Minutes approved as circulated. Referring to Item 5.5, C. Gardner reported that the COMOH Executive Committee has formally decided that the second COMOH Retreat should be deferred to 2010.

3.0 Standing Items and Updates

3.1 MainCert Committee Membership

3.1.1 CMR members

F. Scott pointed out that there are currently no Community Medicine Resident representatives on the Maintenance of Certification committee, and that recruiting one or two would be of mutual benefit.

ACTION: L. Stewart to send a request for volunteers to the 5 CMR program directors.

3.1.2 CMR Program Directors

It was reported that F. Scott, V. Etches and J. Emili cover 4 of the 5 CMR programs (V. Etches covers NOSM and has agreed to keep Brenda Wilson informed in Ottawa). There are three directors sharing duties for the Queen's program, and at least one has formally declined to participate. Having agreed that directors of all 5 programs should be well apprised of MainCert activities, J. Emili agreed to contact Ian Gemmill (Queen's) to determine whether or not he wishes to be informed via sharing of minutes following meetings.

ACTION: J. Emili to contact Ian Gemmill to assess his wishes for involvement.

3.1.3 OAHPP

S. Corkum suggested that the new OAHPP director of professional development (Kim Meighen) would be a logical choice as another OAHPP rep to the committee. She also reiterated that the OAHPP is becoming very involved in professional development events and their accreditation, indicating that there is a strong appetite to ensure that CME credits are available.

F. Scott pointed out that there have been some events facilitated by the Agency about which she was unaware. S. Corkum agreed to ensure that she and Brenda Wilson (the non-COMOH program supervisors) are informed of these events, in order to ensure that educational opportunities are maximized.

C. Gardner commended the Agency on its commitment to the opportunity to attend such events via electronic means, which minimizes cost- and schedule-related barriers to participation.

ACTION: S. Corkum to invite Kim Meighen to join the committee.

3.2 COMOH Electronic Mailing List

G. Fleming gave some background about recent changes to alpha's subscriber-only electronic mailing list for Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health, namely the new allowance for application by "Affiliate" COMOH members for list subscription. He explained that the main motivation was to include Community Medicine Residents on current rotation in health units, but also that it was recognized that inclusion of other categories of PH physicians might be of mutual benefit in certain instances.

Following a brief description of the application and approval process, it was noted that CMR program directors had not received the notice of this opportunity directly.

ACTION: G. Fleming to forward the original e-mail announcement (including the application form and mailing list guidelines) to the CMR program directors.

3.3 Event Accreditation

3.3.1 alpha AGM - June 14-16 2009- Timmins

Background: Summary of Evaluations - http://www.alphaweb.org/files/June2009_Survey_results.pdf

L. Stewart has sent out the summary of evaluations for review, but has not had a chance to follow up on the accreditation process with Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

C. Gardner reiterated that for the purposes of this committee, it will be important to be able to separate feedback from PH Physicians from that of alpha's other constituents in order to properly inform needs-based planning for accreditation.

ACTION: L. Stewart to follow up with NOSM and report back at the next meeting.

3.3.2 Public Health Law Day Oct 21 2009

M. Turner reported that 150 are expected to attend this event, for which objectives and expected outcomes have been set and communicated. She characterized it as a very full day, which will focus on Ontario public health law as it relates to privacy, food safety, existing case law, and emergency preparedness.

Speakers are all but confirmed and it is expected that the event itself will be paperless (presentations and other background material to be posted on the portal site).

L. Stewart added that the accreditation application for this event has been completed and sent, and that she is not expecting any issues.

3.3.3 alPHa October 22-23 Fall Symposium

L. Stewart reported that the alPHa Symposium is well developed, with a good lineup of speakers and registration numbers typical of what is normally expected. The accreditation application is complete and has been sent, and includes a request for credit for a one-hour educational session on health effects of wind turbines that is part of the COMOH meeting.

She added that at the end of the full-day session on health equity, policy the alPHa-OPHA Social Determinants of Health Working Group will convene to discuss what has been presented with the intent of developing some concrete policy directions to move forward

F. Scott reminded that this committee should be kept apprised of the learning objectives for this event (and others) just in case of audit.

ACTION: L. Stewart to share learning objectives with the Committee.

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

F. Scott reported that there has not been much planning activity lately, but circulated a thread of e-mail related to accreditation for this event, the process for which has not been initiated. L. Stewart agreed to do so using Fran's credentials and the required information from Connie Utrecht.

Questions were raised about the different outcomes of attempts to accredit OPHA conferences in the past, with reference to the fact that audience is very different and determining the need for accreditation is much less straightforward.

ACTION: L. Stewart to initiate the process for accrediting qualifying portions of the 2009 OPHA conference.

3.3.5 CCO Prostate Cancer Screening Webinar Nov 16 2009

C. Gardner noted that interested participants have been notified of the November 16 date for this event, and reported that objectives have been set and speakers have been finalized. This will be

accredited as a section 1 learning activity, and the opportunity to participate via technological means will be offered.

3.4 Further opportunities for COMOH – APHEO collaboration

S. Corkum confirmed that OAHPP does indeed have interest in this (as reported in the August minutes). C. Gardner added some background information, specifically that a successful joint educational session on syndromic surveillance was held in 2007, but there has been little collaboration since.

It was suggested that the current APHEO Chair should be invited to the next meeting.

ACTION: G. Fleming or S. Corkum to invite APHEO Chair or President to next meeting

3.5 Regional Journal Clubs - Update

G. Fleming referred members to the alPHa Web page that houses an archive of Regional Journal Club Materials. J. Emili and C. Gardner have sent the latest articles for posting from Central West and Central East respectively.

4.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2009/2010

4.1 2010 OAHPP Conference

alPHa, OPHA and OAHPP have had very preliminary discussions about such an event, recognizing that CPHA will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Some consideration has therefore been given to moving it to the spring of 2011.

The process for selecting a planning committee hasn't yet been determined, but a small group may meet soon for a half-day for initial conceptualization of an innovative format. A second group may be responsible for content.

4.2 Review of the MainCert Summary Work Plan

The previously-circulated Work Plan needs to be updated, as several events are not included. It was suggested that the format of the Plan may need to change in order to reflect the core functions of the MainCert Committee in planning as well as accrediting. C. Gardner reminded members that the document started out as an assessment tool that was intended to be used to evaluate the likelihood of events meeting an accredited educational need.

OAHPP has sent out a survey on topics of interest – this could serve as the new needs assessment, and the Work Plan could supplement it as an account of events that meet the criteria.

ACTION: G Fleming to update the Work Plan and add to next agenda.

4.3 COMOH Retreat II

L. Stewart has verified with the current and past COMOCH Chair that it has been decided to postpone this event. C. Gardner reported that the first one required the initiative and dedication of a COMOCH lead (Megan Ward). It was agreed that planning for a second retreat should occur under COMOCH and not MainCert.

5.0 Information Items

5.1 Pascal Report

L. Stewart reported that a group of interested MOHs and other Health Unit Staff has been discussing the current state of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program and the potential impact of the recent Pascal Report (*With Our Best Future in Mind*). It has been decided that a day-long event will be held to discuss future directions. Robin Wililams (MOH – Niagara) has been in discussion with representatives from the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSAA) to put this together for early December.

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 24, 2009, 1 – 3 PM.