

Draft Minutes
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Meeting
Monday September 24, 2007
10:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Teleconference

Present: Allison Chris (minutes), Vera Etches, Gord Fleming, Chuck Gardner, John Hoey, Fran Scott (chair), Megan Ward
Regrets: Julie Emili, Isra Levy, Erica Weir, Kathleen Dooling

1. Opening Remarks
 - 1.1 Welcome to new members
 - 1.1.1 K. Dooling, J. Emili, J. Hoey, I. Levy, M. Ward & E. Weir welcomed.
 - 1.2 Appointment of minute taker
 - 1.2.1 Allison to record minutes.
 - 1.2.2 Chuck offered to record minutes for next meeting.
2. The agenda was approved as circulated. Chuck to add a few additions as the meeting progresses.
3. The minutes were approved as circulated with one correction. Thanks Vera for taking the minutes.
 - 3.1 Correction: Table for topics in action, presentation by Leonard Domino completed.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.1 Maincert Accreditation Agreement
 - 4.1.1 McMaster
 - Julie Emili has agreed to be the McMaster faculty contact. Epidemiology conference in October has been submitted. OPHA conference accreditation progressing. Thanks Julie. May explore opportunity through Queens in future.
 - 4.1.2 NSSCM
 - Annual meeting in Ottawa last week.
 - F. Scott to fill role of Maincert accreditation member for NSSCM. Congratulations Fran on this new position! Fran is now chair of all three levels (municipal, provincial, federal).
 - Chuck communicated with Emmanuelle Morin (NSSCM). Shared vision paper. Requested collaboration with COMOH Maincert Committee. TC held with G. Taylor, F. Scott, J. Hoey, B. Harvey, C. Gardner and E. Morin about this collaboration. Vision paper discussed. NSSCM has had events accredited through Queens. Funding has been identified through NSSCM

to pursue needs assessment for CPD. This is an opportunity to work with speciality society. Consider national collaboration. Bart suggested section 3 self-accreditation tools. Consensus that this should be done at the national level.

- F. Scott mentioned communication with Quebec CPD lead.
- M. Ward discussed pillar and post concept at CPHA with other MOH/aMOHs. Interest expressed from this group.
- CPD event at CPHA well attended. Consider using webtool to update about these events in future. The issue of funding for residents to attend these sessions was raised. David Mowat has suggested that PHAC has funding for residents. Could this be utilized for CPD events?

ACTION: Fran to follow-up re: funding for residents for CPD with NSSCM committee.

ACTION: Allison to follow-up with residents re: opportunity for funding.

4.2 Maincert Vision Paper

- Chuck gave update. George Pasut suggested that the Ministry may provide funding for occasional CPD events. George Pasut offered to cover teleconference costs for COMOH/MAINCERT/CM rounds.

ACTION: Chuck to forward paper to Liana Nolan (new Agency Board member)

5. Education Needs and Opportunities

5.1 COMOH face to face meeting Dec 6 (see attached proposal from Erica Weir)

5.1.1 Component of ALPHAs two day session on December 6th/7th

- E. Weir requesting assistance to organize. John Hoey offered: Thanks!
- Funding has been requested for one of the speakers.
- This session will occur on the morning of ALPHA meeting and will be open to all who attend the ALPHA meeting. Chuck raised the issue of BOH members attending this session as they should they be aware of the precautionary principle in order to support MOH/aMOH. Issues identified could be discussed during a follow-up session in the afternoon. Conclusion previously that MOH and BOH sessions should be combined. Advantages and disadvantages of combining MOH/BOH discussed.
- Intent to discuss the application of the precautionary principle in public health and use examples from individuals who have encountered in practice.

- C. Gardner suggested inviting Abby Lippman re HPV and PP to present and group had follow-up discussion re: inviting Abby Lippman.
- C. Gardner suggested pesticides use within communities as another example as this is applicable to both MOH/BOH.
- The issue was raised if this work plan addresses the needs of MOH/aMOH/BOH. Erica and Linda have discussed how to best organize the morning.
- A number of presenters have been confirmed. Fran suggested that Gaynor is very interested in speaking and has inquired re: funding.
- A. Chris raised issue about access for residents. G. Fleming invites residents through listserv. Fourth category of registration for residents for half cost introduced in 2007. C. Gardner indicated that CPD events should be open to residents and public health practitioners outside of COMOH. G. Fleming indicated the issues are not the openness of the meetings, rather funding for chairs and meals. This session is not within the COMOH meeting. Discussion about requesting residents to pay registration fee. Discussion about requesting funding from MOHLTC to support residents to attend CPD events.

ACTION: F. Scott to follow-up with Gaynor Watson re: funding.

ACTION: J. Hoey to follow-up with Abby Lippman.

ACTION: J. Hoey to communicate with E. Weir re speakers.

ACTION: F. Scott to communicate with Linda re: needs of BOH members.

ACTION: G. Fleming indicated that ALPHA can provide assistance. G. Fleming to be the link to ALPHA for logistics (likely to connect with Linda or Susan). J. Hoey to be the link for content.

ACTION: F. Scott to communicate with Linda about opportunity for funding for speakers.

ACTION: C. Gardner to follow-up with province re: funding. A. Chris to collaborate.

5.1.2 Other Options for December 6th meeting in afternoon:

5.1.2.1 Brent Moloughney has expressed interest in presenting about core competencies. Currently, looking at November 2nd (residency accredited event) or December 6th. V. Etches suggested that residents would benefit from this discussion. F. Scott suggested having a two part event – {Part 1 on November 2nd and Part 2 on December 6th.

ACTION: F. Scott and A. Chris to pursue two part event on November 2nd CM rounds and the afternoon of December 6th COMOH meeting (1 hour).

5.1.2.2 C. Gardner has communicated with Robert Kyle re: residual waste management as a topic. Some in group feel that this is not a learning need. V. Etches suggested the TPH environmental health team may have

experience with this issue. F. Scott suggested that Peel, Durham or York may have more experience. Opportunity for plenary in winter.

ACTION: To explore this topic further for February meeting. Consider plenary panel session.

5.1.2.3 Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion.

- Consider update from Liona Nolan.

ACTION: C. Gardner to follow-up with L. Nolan.

5.2 Review of the draft Work Plan for 2007

Topic	Action
Manager	
Public Health Labs	Keep on work plan, consider for winter CM rounds, A, Chris, F. Scott
Role of Agency and CPD	December 6 th COMOH meeting
Amalgamation	Wait and see, keep on work plan
Leadership in changing times	significant costs, support to keep on workplan for February, C. Gardner to discuss with L. Stewart
Collaborator	No events planned, F. Scott suggested collaborative events may fill this gap.
Communicator	OPHA conference has risk communication presentation. Should fill this need.
Scholar	
Research Ethics	May be covered at upcoming conference in Montreal. Public and Law conference in few years. F. Scott to bring forward at Public Health and Law committee meeting.
Precautionary Principle	Scheduled at COMOH meeting on December 6 th , 2007. E. Weir lead with assistance from J. Hoey.
Medial Expert	
Public and Law conference – Quarantine Act	Committee has not convened. Could request Eric Jeffries to speak at COMOH meeting in February or June. NSSCM opportunity.
Hemorrhagic Fever	Await MOHLTC report
Legal Issues	Maintain on work plan, consider planning for winter rounds date. A. Chris to communicate with E. Weir
Other public health topics	Rita Shahin to speak about syphilis in

	December for TPH physicians.
	Needs Assessment – F. Scott to review and share NSSCM survey.
NSSCM session – policy	Completed
International conference on PA and Obesity in children	Completed
March 29 th event	Completed
First Nations Health	Rosemary Ramsing may offer session at COMOH meeting – February or June. Interest in topic seems strong. C. Gardner to explore opportunity for funding from MOHLTC and collaborate with R. Ramsing. Date TBD.
CPHA conference	Completed
OPHA conference	Accreditation underway
Emergency preparedness event	Completed
Risk Communication	To be covered at OPHA.
Future Ideas	
Food Insecurity and children	Suggestion from C. Gardner. OPHA may address in determinants of health. To add to workplan. V. Etches gave an overview of determinants of health work she has involvement with. ACTION: Vera and Chuck to communicate.
Balanced Score Card	Erica Weir. Possible back-up plan for November 2 nd CM rounds.

5.2.1 Public Health Physician Renewal – “The Pillar and Post”
concept

ACTION: M. Ward to follow-up with C. Gardner, F. Scott and L. Stewart re: TC.

5.3 MOHLTC support in web/teleconference rounds

- Fran gave an update about plans to explore using Webex seminar. Hopefully demonstrate on November 2nd CM rounds.

5.4 Other information sources re needs and opportunities

6. Other items – no other business discussed

7. Next meeting – **Monday December 3rd 8:30-10:30.**

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.