

MINUTES
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Tuesday May 26 2009
1 - 3 PM

PRESENT: Fran Scott (Chair); Gordon Fleming (alPHa Staff / Recorder); Vera Etches
Charles Gardner; Phil Jackson; Linda Stewart (alPHa Staff); Megan Ward

REGRETS: Allison Chris; Sonya Corkum; Julie Emili; Monika Turner;

1.0 Welcome / Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM. Agenda approved as circulated.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – March 31st, 2009

Minutes approved as circulated on a MOTION by C. Gardner SECONDED by F. Scott

3.0 Standing Items and Updates

3.1 MainCert Committee Membership

3.1.1 COMOH members

The submission of the MainCert report to COMOH at the upcoming June meeting (see item 3.2) was discussed as an opportunity to recruit new members as well as a new Chair. Reference was made to the initiation of some informal conversations, but no commitments have been secured thus far.

3.1.2 CMR members

F. Scott to follow up with Kathleen Dooling about a new CMR representative.

3.1.3 CMR Program Directors

V. Etches spoke with Brenda Wilson (Community Medicine Director at University of Ottawa) as per suggestions from past meetings. She reported that while Brenda is keen on the idea, a new director is being recruited.

F. Scott reported that there is interest from the Queen's program (Ian Gemmill, Anne Carter and Richard Schabas) and that she will be having further discussions with Anne Carter on the matter.

Discussion then turned to community medicine specialists working in other areas (e.g. George Pasut at CCO) and whether consideration should be given to expanding the membership of the committee to take full advantage of the broader range of educational opportunities that could be

presented by community medicine specialists working in areas that have not yet been linked to the group.

3.2 MainCert Report to COMOHO (draft attached)

F. Scott invited comments on the previously circulated draft report (also attached), pointing out that there is additional information available on the Maintenance of Certification Web page, which she chose not to duplicate. She also agreed to add a few points about ideas for the coming year, and incorporate P. Jackson's confirmation that the May 21 2009 symposium with the Agency was accredited (he will report on the number of hours available when he knows).

C. Gardner suggested that the Agency events should be included on this and other similar reports. Although the intent was originally to report on events whose planning included a role for the MainCert Committee, it was agreed that such reporting could include a listing of other events for which credit was available.

F. Scott indicated that she would receive additional comments until June 7, including a specific request from M. Ward for some more details on Journal Club activities in her region, after which the finalized report will be forwarded to C. Gardner for circulation to COMOHO in advance of its June 16 meeting, along with an invitation for volunteers to join the committee.

It was also agreed that a link to the COMOHO terms of reference would be added to the report, following some discussion of the barriers that they contain (e.g. exclusive rights to subscribe to the COMOHO mailing list) to efficiently communicating to other community medicine specialists and serving their accreditation needs.

C. Gardner agreed to contact L. Noseworthy (COMOHO Chair) to propose including a specific reference to directors of the Community Medicine residency programs in the COMOHO ToR as affiliate members, as an additional step toward addressing these barriers.

3.3 Event Accreditation

3.3.1 alpha AGM - June 14-16 2009- Timmins

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is now an accrediting body, and remains eager to work with alpha to accredit the upcoming AGM in Timmins. All required documentation has been submitted and it is expected to be accredited.

3.3.2 BCMHO report - John Millar (Proposal Update)

C. Gardner summarized the initial discussions about how to incorporate this as an educational opportunity, which culminated in a suggestion that it be presented as part of the October alpha symposium, which is expected to focus on health inequities (including "equity from the start", which will allow additional thematic inclusions of early years development issues).

The OMA Physicians' Group on Health Inequities has also expressed interest in this specific topic, which led to further discussions about opportunities to broaden participation via Web cast or other technological means. P. Jackson agreed to bring this forward to the Agency, indicating

that he felt that the Agency would have both the technological capacity and willingness to facilitate this.

M. Ward reminded the group that Penny Sutcliffe (MOH-Sudbury) is doing her EXTRA fellowship on health inequities as they relate to health unit practice, which may offer an additional angle.

3.3.3 CHSRF Opportunities

M. Ward reported that the Sunday afternoon NSSCM session that is linked with the CPHA conference is devoted to the EXTRA program. John Lavis (McMaster) will present on evidence and policy, and Terry Sullivan (CCO) will present on evidence and leadership, followed by a panel discussion (Penny Sutcliffe, Sylvanus Thompson (Toronto) and Megan Ward on specific intervention projects under development for the EXTRA program. This is accredited through NSSCM.

She reiterated the value of the EXTRA fellowship program, characterizing it as an excellent opportunity for professional development in a range of disciplines, and offered to discuss it in detail with anyone that expressed interest.

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

F. Scott is representing this committee on the OPHA program planning committee and circulated the conference draft schedule, and indicated that she will continue to send updates as they occur. She agreed to raise the subject of accreditation at the next planning meeting.

3.4 Further opportunities for COMOH – APHEO collaboration

While there have been no recent developments on this item recently, P. Jackson indicated that the Agency is interested in facilitating future collaborative efforts.

3.5 Regional Journal Clubs - Update

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

C. Gardner referred to a CEMOH meeting in Toronto, where its second Journal Club was held on fluoridation, with a third planned for July. V. Etches reported that the Eastern MOHs will be considering adding a Journal Club element to its quarterly meetings at its next one.

3.6 NSSCM Community Medicine 2009 Symposium & AGM

Background: Workshop Details -

http://www.nsscm.ca/userfiles/file/NSSCM%202009%20Symposium%20Brochure.pdf?NSNST_Flood=d58ef52c05485a0476e1f10a419475d2

This event will take place in Winnipeg starting on the first weekend in June. It is accredited, and F. Scott agreed to report on the number of available hours when she knows what they are. She also indicated that Webcasts of the Saturday sessions will be available.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Chair nominations 2009-2011

F. Scott reiterated that her two year term is up at the end of June and a replacement will be required. She referred to preliminary discussions with Sonya Corkum, and P. Jackson agreed to speak with her some more about it.

There was further discussion of the need to clarify the relationship between the committee and COMOH, i.e. whether the chair needs to be confirmed by COMOH or just presented for its information. Given the nature, composition and terms of reference of the committee, it was concluded the final decision on the Chair was the MainCert Committee's to make.

F. Scott also suggested the consideration of naming a Vice Chair in order to ensure smooth successions into the future.

5.0 Education Needs and Opportunities Planning for 2009/2010

5.1 2009 Ministry Days – Public Health Law

A planning committee has been set up by Monika Turner for this, which includes F. Scott and L. Stewart. It has been confirmed that this event will take place in October, adjoining the alpha Fall Symposium (Oct 22-23)

5.2 2010 OAHPP Conference

More information may be available as early as June, and there have been some discussions about linking it to CPHA.

5.3 Prostate Cancer Screening

C. Gardner and L. Stewart referred to conversations on with George Pasut on the need to inform practice based on recent research that indicates that PSA screening is not as effective an intervention in preventing mortality related to prostate cancer as previously assumed.

They reported that CCO is very keen to set up an educational session on this, once a date (possibly December 2009), length and format, venue and key learning objectives have been determined. It was agreed that since the initial request came from MOHs and AMOHs, that the session should be based on their particular educational needs, but that this should not preclude a broader audience.

C. Gardner agreed to have further discussions with George Pasut to move this opportunity forward.

5.4 Review of the MainCert Summary Work Plan (attached)

F. Scott referred to the previously circulated summary workplan as a snapshot of recent and upcoming accredited events that was excerpted from the more detailed archival record of the original version, and invited comments via e-mail.

Some discussion followed about the document being a good reference to look at timing of events and potential conflicts, and its potential use as a coordinating tool for disparate organizers. It was agreed that a more formal statement from the MainCert Committee about the use of the summary as such would be helpful.

5.5 COMOH Retreat II

L. Stewart referred to the attached draft proposal, which originated in discussions at the COMOH Executive, and summarized the content. The intent is to include a broader range of community medicine specialists to talk about various roles and structures followed by a discussion about working together, which would include a hands-on exercise. There will also be a breakout session for COMOH alone, to further develop its own mission. F. Scott suggested that a specific reference to the value to CMR programs (as opposed to only CMRs themselves) should be included in the proposal.

The idea of broadening participation was well received, although it was agreed that careful consideration of the most appropriate format to accommodate this would be required.

6.0 Information Items

F. Scott expressed her appreciation for the dedication and work of all committee members, who in return thanked her for her excellent stewardship of the committee as Chair.

7.0 2009/2010 Meetings

It was agreed that the final Tuesday on alternating months worked well as a set schedule. G. Fleming will send out a list of upcoming ones to the group. Next meeting is scheduled for July 28.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Draft 2008/2009 Maincert Report to COMOHO (For discussion at May 26 2009- # hours to be added when collated)

The COMOHO Maincert Committee has had an active and productive year 2008/2009. The committee has met 6 times by teleconference and recruited new members from the OAHPP (membership listed below).

Highlights of the committee's work include:

Planning and ensuring accreditation the following CPD activities:

Oct 2-4 2008 COMOHO retreat (accredited through PMI for 18 hours)

Oct 24-26 Public Health Summit (accredited by ALPHA through UoT for 16 hours)

Nov 13 2008 MOHLTC standards roll out (accredited by alpha through UoT for 7 hours)

Feb 5-6 2009 ALPHA Winter meeting (accredited by ALPHA through UoT for 5 hours)

June 14-16 2009 ALPHA AGM Timmins (accredited by ALPHA through NOSM # hours)

Journal clubs: CWMOHO and CEMOHO

To be added

Linking with additional accredited CPD activities

Oct 30-31 2008 TPH Determinants of Health (accredited by CIH through UoT # hours)

March 31 2009 OAHPP Workshop on Surveillance (accredited by OAHPP through UoT for 5.5 hours)

May 21 2009 OAHPP Sheela Basrur Symposium (accredited by OAHPP through UoT for 3 hours)

June 6-7 2009 NSSCM and CHSRF workshop (accredited through the University of Manitoba # hours)

Support for Community Medicine Residents attendance at Maincert events:

Through financial and administrative support from the MOHLTC Public Health Division and ALPHA, Community Medicine Residents have been supported to travel, register and attend the COMOHO retreat, ALPHA Winter and AGM meetings. In

addition, chief residents were included in the MOHLTC Standards launch. This support is to facilitate interaction and networking between residents and MOH/AMOHs as role models, mentors and rotation potential supervisors as well as support recruitment for Health Units seeking future Fellows for positions of AMOH/MOH.

Plans for 2009 2010

Recruit new chair and members (resident, COMOH, CM program directors or delegates)

Involvement in planning/accrediting MOHLTC Day of Public Health Law and alPHa meeting on Health Inequalities and OPHA (October 2009) and OPHA conference (November 2009)

Future planning of event with CCO on Prostate Cancer screening, with NOSM on resident supervision Faculty Development

Input into OAHPP 2010 Conference

Additional linkage opportunities with MOHLTC and Agency CMS and PH physicians as well as other sites (CCO, ICES)

Continue to seek out opportunities for joint events with APHEO and other PH disciplines

Pursue funding opportunities for academic scholarship in CPD

Members:

Fran Scott, Chair of the Maintenance of Certification Committee of the Council of Medical Officers of Health of Ontario, Director of the Community Medicine Residency, University of Toronto

Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and President alPHa

Monika Turner, Director, Public Health Standards Branch - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Phil Jackson, Vice President Strategy and External Relations Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion

Sonya Corkum, Vice President of Knowledge Exchange and Communications Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion

Vera Etches, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health and

Director of the Community Medicine Residency, NOSM

Kathleen Dooling, University of Toronto Community Medicine Resident
(resigned Jan 2009)

Allison Chris, University of Toronto Community Medicine Resident

Julie Emili, AMOH, Hamilton Public Health and Director of the Community
Medicine Residency, McMaster University

Megan Ward, AMOH, Peel Public Health

Gordon Fleming, Manager, Public Health Issues, Association of Local Public
Health Agencies (alPHa)

Conference Planning Template

Date	Time	Session	Conference Theme	Speaker and Title	Confirmed/Invited
Sunday, November 1, 2009					
	Afternoon	Pre conference workshop	TBD		
	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Registration Desk open	N/A	Staffed by volunteers	
	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception	N/A	Entertainment from 7:30 – 9:00	Room booked
Monday, November 2, 2009					
	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk open	N/A	Staffed by volunteers	
	7:00 – 8:45 am	Breakfast			
	8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome	Opening Remarks	Dr. Arlene King (new CMOH) and Minister Best	? Invited
	9:00 – 10:00 am	KEYNOTE	Changing workplace & work force	Dr. Roz Laskar on <i>Interdisciplinary Collaboration</i>	Confirmed
	10:00 – 10:30 am	Break	Exhibitors		
	10:30 – 12:00 pm	1A Concurrent session 1	Health Equity	80 minute session = 4 presentations x 20 minutes; possible total of 20 time slots (5 rooms x 4 presentations) * OR one workshop of 80 minute duration could be allotted to one of these session periods. There will be a 10 minute question period at the end of each session.	5 concurrent rooms available
		1B Concurrent session 2	Public Health Workforce		
		1C Concurrent session 3	Collaboration		
		1D Concurrent session 4	Innovation in PH Practice		
		1E Concurrent session 5	Knowledge Exchange (KE)		
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Exhibits open		
	1:00 – 1:50 pm	Post lunch PLENARY PANEL	PH Workforce KE	Monika Turner on Performance Management (20 min) Sonia Corkum on KE (20 min)	Confirmed ? Invited
	2:00 – 3:00 pm	2A Concurrent session 1	Can be workshops or oral presentations	3 X 20 minutes in 5 locations (15 presentations) AND/OR workshop(s)	
		2B Concurrent session 2			
		2C Concurrent session 3			
		2D Concurrent session 4			
		2E Concurrent session 5	e.g. workshop		
	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Break			
	3:30 – 5:00 pm	Plenary	Roundtable Innovations	ROUNDTABLE SESSION – POSSIBLY 40-45 TABLES AVAILABLE	5 concurrent rooms avail.
	5:15- 6:30 pm	OPHA AGM			
	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Reception	OPHA Birthday Party	Lieutenant Governor Hon. David Onley and the Premier Hon Dalton McGuinty, Minister Caplan, Allison Stuart, Ron Sapsford will be invited to say a few words at the Anniversary reception	? Invited

Comment [CW1]: Is this a plenary or 5 rooms of roundtable innovation presentations?

Conference Planning Template

Date	Time	Session	Conference Theme	Speaker and Title	Confirmed/Invited	
Tuesday, November 3, 2009						
	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk open	N/A	Staffed by volunteers		
	7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast				
	8:15 - 8:30 am	Welcome	Who?			
	8:30 – 9:30 am	KEYNOTE	Innovation in Public Health Practice	Dr. Ellen Lipman on <i>Building resilient children</i>	Confirmed	
	9:40 – 10:40 am	3A Concurrent session 1		60 minute session = 3 presentations x 20 minutes; possible total of 15 time slots (5 rooms x 3 presentations) *OR one workshop of 60 minute duration could be allotted to one of these session periods.		
		3B Concurrent session 2				
		3C Concurrent session 3				
		3D Concurrent session 4				
		3E Concurrent session 5				
	10:40 – 11:00 am	Break	Exhibitors/Posters			
	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	4A Concurrent session 1		80 minute session = 4 presentations x 20 minutes; possible total of 20 time slots (5 rooms x 4 presentations) *OR one workshop of 80 minute duration could be allotted to one of these session periods. There will be a 10 minute question period at the end of each session.		
		4B Concurrent session 2				
		4C Concurrent session 3				
		4D Concurrent session 4				
		4E Concurrent session 5				
	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	OPHA Awards			
	2:00– 3:00 pm	PLENARY PANEL	Health Equity	Theme: <i>Poverty Is Making Us Sick</i> Dr. Ernie Lightman, Bev Wilson, Andrew Mitchell, Dr. Gary Bloch	Dr. Ernie Lightman confirmed ?Others confirmed	
	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Break	Exhibitors/Posters			
	3:30 – 5:00 pm	5A Concurrent session 1	Animated poster sessions	There are 5 larger breakout rooms available		
		5B Concurrent session 2	Posters/Orals/Workshops		90 minute session = 9 x 5 minute presentation + 5 minute discussion; possible total of 45 poster time slots (5 rooms x 9 presentations) or 14 x 5 minute presentation and 20 minutes at end for general discussion; OR combination of posters & oral, workshops, panels	
		5C Concurrent session 3				
		5D Concurrent session 4				
		5E Concurrent session 5				

Conference Planning Template

Date	Time	Session	Conference Theme	Speaker and Title	Confirmed/Invited
Wednesday, November 4, 2009					
	7:00 – 11:00 am	Registration Desk open	N/A	Staffed by volunteers	
	7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast and registration			
	8:15 – 9:45 am	6A Concurrent session 1	Workshop 1	80 minute session = 4 presentations x 20 minutes; possible total of 20 <i>time slots</i> (5 rooms x 4 presentations) *OR one workshop of 80 minute duration could be allotted to one of these session periods. There will be a 10 minute question period at the end of each session. e.g. Daniela Seskar-Henic (Access Equity and Social Justice workgroup) e.g. Orientation to public health (ANDSOOHA) e.g. Core competencies based performance management	
	CONCURRENT SESSION VI	6B Concurrent session 2	Workshop 2		
		6C Concurrent session 3	Workshop 3		
		6D Concurrent session 4	Workshop 4		
		6E Concurrent session 5	Workshop 5		
		9:45 – 10:15 am	Break		
	10:15 – 11:45 am	KEYNOTE	Public Health Workforce	Linda Duxbury on <i>Managing in a Changing Environment</i>	Confirmed
	11:45– 12:00 pm	Wrap-up	Closing remarks	Dr. Vivek Goel	Confirmed
	Afternoon Meetings TBD				

Ontario Public Health Physician Continuing Professional Development Events for 2008 Completed and Planned

May 26 2009 Draft

<u>Ontario Public Health Physician Continuing Professional Development Events</u>							
Date	Topic (and Means of Needs Assessment / Source of Topic)	Presenter(s)	Venue	MainCert Accrediation Method	Agency / Event Contact Person	Lead MainCert Committee Member	Outcome of Event
2010	Prostate Cancer Screening with CCO , Faculty Development with NOSM, COMOH retreat II with ? PMI Epi with APHEO						
Nov 2010		OAHPP	Agency Conference	UoT	Phil J.		
Oct 2010		CPHA/TPH	Conference				
June 2010		aLPHa	AGM				
Feb 2010		alPHa	Winter meeting				
2009							
Oct 2009	Health Inequalities	alPHa	Fall meeting	UoT			
Oct 2009	PH Law	MOHLTC		UoT	Monika T		
June 2009		alPHa	AGM Timmins		Chuck		

Ontario Public Health Physician Continuing Professional Development Events

Date	Topic (and Means of Needs Assessment / Source of Topic)	Presenter(s)	Venue	MainCert Accrediation Method	Agency / Event Contact Person	Lead MainCert Committee Member	Outcome of Event
					Linda		
June 2009	Policy Poverty	NSSCM	Workshop CPHA	Uo Manitoba	Fran		# hours
May 2009	H1N1	OAHPP	Symposium		Sonya		Completed # hours?
Mar 2009	Surveillance	OAHPP	Workshop	UoT	Natasha		Completed # hours
Feb 2009	Food Security	alPHa	Winter meeting	UoT	Chuck Linda		Completed # hours
2008							
Nov 12-13 2008	Public Health Standards	MOHLTC/MHP	Ministry Day	UoT	Monika Linda	Fran	Completed # hours
October 29-31 2008	Program	OPHA/alPHa	Public Health Summit Conference	UoT	Linda	Fran	Completed # hours
October 2-4 2009	Retreat	COMOH PMI		PMI	Linda	Megan	Completed # hours
June 9-11	Built Environment	alPHa	alpha AGM conference	UoT	Linda	Chuck Fran	Completed # hours
March 4	Ministry Day	MOHLTC	MOHLTC MHP	UoT	Linda Monika	Isra Fran	Completed # hours
Feb 7-8	Aboriginal Health	alPHa	alpha AGM conference	McMaster	Linda	Julie	Completed # hours

2009 COMOH Leadership Retreat

Proposed DRAFT Program

Background

At the 2008 COMOH Retreat in Niagara-on-the-Lake, COMOH members discussed strategies for working together as a strong voice for public health. It is proposed that a second facilitated retreat be held in early December 2009 to continue that work and to bring together public health physicians working in partner organizations. The objective of the retreat would be to develop a common understanding and working relationship among public health physicians employed in key public health organizations.

Participants

Public Health physicians from the following groups would be invited to attend the retreat:

1. COMOH & Community Medicine Residents
2. Ministry of Health and Long-term Care
3. Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion
4. Cancer Care Ontario
5. First Nations and Inuit Health
6. Public Health Agency of Canada

Draft Program Outline

DAY 1: **Part 1.** Each of the 6 organizations listed above would have an hour to present the following information about themselves:

- roles
- values
- structure
- function
- focus
- current issues
- longer term goals
- corporate culture
- resources

Part 2. Initial discussion on working together

DAY 2: Morning. Session continues on working together, including working through some examples.

Afternoon. COMOH meeting to further develop COMOH as an effective team.

Proposed timeframe: 2 days in early December 2009

Proposed Location: Toronto