

Minutes
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Meeting
June 19th, 2007
1:30-3:30 Teleconference

Present: C. Gardner, V. Etches, A. Chris, G. Fleming, E. Weir, F Scott
Regrets: R. Bilotta, M. Ward, D. Salisbury, I. Levy

1. Opening remarks

1.1 E. Weir was welcomed as a new member. I. Levy, D. Salisbury and M. Ward are also interested in becoming members of the committee.

1.1.1 Membership changes

1.1.1.1 E. Richardson will be leaving the committee

- McMaster requires a McMaster Faculty member to be on the MainCert Committee to facilitate accreditation
- F. Scott described ways to serve a similar function at UofT
- G. Pasut has not been successful in setting up self-accreditation for learning events at the province, as CM Specialists have been able to do at TPH

ACTION: C. Gardner will formally thank E. Richardson for her contributions to the Maincert committee.

ACTION: Fran will continue to explore ways to offer accredited rounds through UofT.

1.1.1.2 New members

- John Hoey has yet to be approached to join the MainCert Committee.
- A suggestion was made to invite all CM Program Directors to contribute to the MainCert Committee.
- J. Emili and E. Richardson may be in transition related to the Program Director position at McMaster.
- A new resident, K. Dooling, is interested in joining the committee. A. Chris is willing to stay on and have an additional resident join in. Formalizing the residents' period of commitment in the TOR was suggested.
- A representative for the non-RCPSC people working in public health is desirable.

ACTION: A minimum of one resident will be appointed for a minimum of a year. All membership will be reviewed on an annual basis. Maximum years of service will not be included.

ACTION: Erica will approach J. Hoey to invite him to contribute to the committee. If he is unable, Erica is well connected to Queen's University's Residency Program to foster opportunities for CPD with that program.

ACTION: Chuck will contact E. Richardson and/or J. Emili to invite the appropriate person to represent McMaster on this MainCert Cmte.

2. The Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Terms of Reference

- In addition to changes related to membership discussed above, Chuck outlined a few other changes made.

ACTION: Any other suggested changes can be forwarded to Chuck in advance of the next MainCert meeting.

4.2 The Public Health and the Law Conference and February alPHa meeting

- evaluations were circulated to members and participants by C. Gardner.

4.3 Public Health Works

- Audio \$50/session; \$100 for video; Monthly 9:30 Tuesdays Eastern Alberta time (see attached example)
- TPH signed up for these information sessions last year
- The topics are broad and therefore participation has sometimes been limited

4.4 OMA education half day

- Political advocacy was discussed – why we succeed, why we fail, and it was well attended. A section 4 framework was circulated to assist with claiming MainCert credits.
- Key concepts will be moved forward by COMOH via C. Gardener, such as the need to build relationships to influence party platforms

ACTION: F. Scott to follow-up with M. Ward and A. Chris will follow-up with Sarah (a resident) to make a connection between these lessons learned and an upcoming NSSCM MainCert event on healthy public policy being planned before the CPHA conference in September in Ottawa.

4.5 MainCert Accreditation Agreement

- 4.5.1 McMaster
 - The MOHLTC has arranged to pay the fee required by McMaster for the following year.
 - Securing a McMaster faculty representative will be important.
- 4.5.2 NSSCM
 - G. Taylor has been contacted with a query from C. Gardner about whether the NSSCM has plans to become an accrediting body.
- 4.5.3 UofT – discussed above.
- 4.6 MainCert Vision Paper
 - The COMOH executive has supported the vision laid out in the paper, including a dedicated secretariat for Maincert activities.
 - alPHa has worked ideas from the paper into a proposal submitted to the MOHLTC for alPHa to provide more CPD activities, particularly related to leadership, for various affiliate societies.

5. Education Needs and Opportunities

5.1 Review of the draft Work Plan for 2007

- A question was raised about how the plan has been evaluated by the intended COMOH audience. The document is a working document. A shorter summary document has been useful to communicate to COMOH in the past.
- The document shows evidence of Needs Assessment leading to the presence of the items on the workplan.

ACTION: C. Gardner will update the plan as discussed. Key action items related to more imminent events are listed below.

ACTION: C. Gardner will connect with the COMOH Executive to ascertain if the opportunities that are coming forward are acceptable for the COMOH agenda.

Topic	Action
PH lab system	F. Scott – will follow-up with S. Poutanen when she returns from maternity leave in Sept. Could be a one-hour faculty rounds at UofT or Dec COMOH meeting.
Agency Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH Research, Workforce Development, and Knowledge Exchange 	F. Scott – most likely an update at COMOH in December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. Etches – to work with F. Scott to determine if an education

	event or update
PHHR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Competencies 	F. Scott – to gauge B. Moloughney’s interest in presenting on this topic at Dec 6ht meeting; funds will have to be found.
Amalgamations – best practices	Await appropriate timing to bring forward; C. Gardner to discuss with L. Stewart
Best Practices for Leadership in Changing Times	G. Fleming – to follow-up with L. Stewart to see if this could be for the Feb 08 aPHa meeting
Research Ethics	F. Scott – can bring forward with PHAC organizing such an event
Precautionary principle	E. Weir – will work on arranging to hear other perspectives along with G. Pasut for Dec
Mask recommendations for Influenza	G. Fleming is posting a template to claim Section 4 credits and A. King’s presentation on the COMOH website.
? presentation	G. Fleming is posting a template to claim Section 4 credits
Legal issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some to be deferred to the next PH Law conference E.g. related to Milk Pasteurization 	E. Weir – will contact Joanne, a HU lawyer, to confirm dates and topics for discussion. The PH lawyers group may want to do a joint workshop. A. Chris – to follow-up with UofT residents if interest in these topics for rounds.
NSSCM CPD needs assessment	A. Chris will follow-up with resident rep on the NSSCM executive and/or G. Taylor for results.
First Nations Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RoseMarie Ramsingh, FNIHB Kim Barker, AFN Lilian Yuan OPHA DOH committee Rosana Pelizzarri MOHLTC 	Noted that this topic deserves more time than one hour. Could plan for June 08 aPHa meeting in Toronto – or joint OPHA/aPHa meeting in October. C. Gardner to follow-up at executive levels to determine best venue and begin planning
OPHA conference	C. Gardner working with C. Utrecht on accreditation through McMaster.
Annual APHEO meeting	C. Gardner working with APHEO to have meeting accredited
Risk Communication	Theme at OPHA conference.

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

ACTION: C. Gardner will connect with M. Ward to discuss the intention of this suggestion and whether it would fit better for a COMOH meeting rather than a Maincert event.

5.3 MOHLTC support in web/teleconference rounds

- G. Pasut offered some support with this technology in the interim before the Agency offers more CPD support. The MOHLTC cannot accredit, so it would be up to the committee to accredit it.

ACTION: All will consider how to apply this technology to events for which planning is currently underway.

5.4 Other information sources – no discussion ensued.

6. Maincert Chair

- C. Gardner was commended for his leadership and perseverance in promoting CPD events with the Maincert committee as he has served as Chair for a number of years.
- F. Scott was supported to serve as the next Maincert Chair and will require administrative support.
- Administrative support would include: setting the dates for the next meetings, sending out documents, turning notes into minutes, maintaining minutes on webpage. G. Fleming indicated willingness to do this, as he currently does some of these tasks.

ACTION: F. Scott to ensure a formal thanks is made to C. Gardner at an upcoming COMOH meeting.

ACTION: C. Gardner to send thanks to Cheryl for her support to the Maincert committee while Chuck has been the Chair.

7. Other – no other business

8. Next Meeting – will be held in September

ACTION: G. Fleming and F. Scott will arrange a date as soon as possible.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12.