

Minutes (Draft)
Council of Medical Officers of Health
Maintenance of Certification Committee Teleconference
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Present: Fran Scott (COMOH; MainCert Chair); Vera Etches (COMOH), Chuck Gardner (COMOH); Isra Levy (COMOH), Erica Weir (COMOH), Kathleen Dooling (CMR - U of T); John Hoey (Queen's University); Gord Fleming (ALPHA)

Regrets: Allison Chris (CMR - U of T), Julie Emili (COMOH / McMaster); Monika Turner (Public Health Division), Megan Ward (COMOH),

1. Opening Remarks

1.1 *Welcome to new members*

1.2 *Appointment of minute taker –*

Isra Levy agreed to take minutes

Approval of the Agenda – approved as circulated

2. Approval of Draft Minutes September 24th, 2007

http://www.alphaweb.org/files/MainCert_Dec_3_2007_minutes.pdf

Minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 *Maincert Accreditation Agreements*

The current agreement with McMaster expires this year. They are unwilling to bend on fees for accrediting COMOH initiatives. Fran, along with Linda Stewart, will be meeting with the University of Toronto on January 28, 2008 to explore an agreement to have them serve as our accreditor. The committee supports continuing to explore options for an alternate provider. Other options also still being explored.

3.2 *Funding for Residents*

Linda Stewart to discuss with Monika extending standing Ministry funding and invitations for residents to COMOH meetings. Chuck will also raise with CMOH in the context of this being a Public Health renewal strategy. Request will be for stable funding in the future.

Action: Linda, Chuck

3.3 *ALPHA Fall Workshop, incl. COMOH general meeting Dec 6 - 7*

http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_010151905.pdf

Informal feedback was very positive. COMOH executive will be discussing development of a position

paper on *Precautionary Principle*. Vera will discuss with Brent Moloughney and PHAC whether we can share the core competencies work with the COMOH membership.

Action item: Vera

4. Education Needs and Opportunities

4.1 *alPHa Events*

4.1.1 *alPHa Winter All Members' Meeting, incl. COMOH general meeting, February 6-7 2008*

Chuck provided an overview; suggestion by committee that we get an update from Liana Nolan regarding the Public Health Agency.

Action item: Chuck

4.1.2 *alPHa Annual General Meeting, June 8-10 2008*

Various topics considered; Suggestion that Chuck or Gord follow up with Linda regarding using "Built Environments" as a concept.

4.2 *Proposed MOH – PHD face-to-face meeting in early 2008*

Isra reported that feedback from the field has been very positive about concept and proposed structure. Committee noted that it will be important to ensure that residents are included, and to remember that engagement with MOHLTC is as important as accreditation as a goal for the event.

Action item: Isra to circulate summary of feedback from the field.

Isra to ask Monika Turner to include residents in the invite list.

4.3 *Public Health Physician Renewal – "The Pillar and Post" concept*

ACTION: Fran asked Megan to proceed with putting the concept into writing for COMOH, and **Chuck** will contact Megan to provide some support.

4.4 *Further opportunities for COMOH – APHEO collaboration*

Chuck noted the successful collaborative conference held on syndromic surveillance previously. Erica described interest in a critical appraisal tool for articles of relevance to public health practitioners, which the epidemiologists could help develop. The tool could assist with CPD.

ACTION: Chuck to follow-up with Rosana to discuss opportunities.

4.5 *Canadian Health Services Research Foundation - Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program* http://www.chsrf.ca/extra/about_e.php

Chuck sent notice of this opportunity out on the COMOHO list-serve and no one has responded.

Others as identified in a review of the draft Work Plan for 2007-2008

http://www.alphaweb.org/files/MainCert_Work_Plan_June_22_2007.pdf

ACTION: Chuck will assist Fran with updating the work plan for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Other items

Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation – Chuck spoke with Bob Nosal about a presentation to COMOHO on this subject. Concerns were voiced about past experience related to a lack of follow-up action after a presentation as well as a medical model focus. A suggestion was made to bring the topic forward to OPHA and ALPHA for wider action. The fit with the education mandate of the Maincert committee for COMOHO was questioned.

ACTION: Chuck will discuss possibilities with Linda at ALPHA.

6. Time and Date of next meeting

Next meeting: late March 2008; Gord to check for dates.

7. Adjournment

Adjourned 12:16.