



Addendum: Board of Health Meeting

Meeting # 04-21

Thursday, October 21, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting



ADDENDUM – FOURTH MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH
OCTOBER 21, 2021

7.0 ADDENDUM

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

i) 2021-22 IPAC Hub Funding Letter

- a) Letter from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, to the Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health Chair, dated October 19, 2021

ii) Advocacy for Public Health Funding

- a) Letter from the Board of Health Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, to the Minister of Health, dated October 21, 2021

iii) aPHa Fall Symposium and Boards of Health Section Meeting, November 19, 2021

- a) Draft Symposium Program “Ontario’s Public Health System Response & Recovery”
- b) Draft Board of Health Section Meeting Agenda

iv) aPHa Information Break Newsletter dated October 21, 2021

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October 19, 2021

Mr. René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health
Sudbury and District Health Unit
1300 Paris Street
Sudbury ON P3E 3A3

Dear Mr. Lapierre:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health will provide the Board of Health for the Sudbury and District Health Unit up to \$840,000 in one-time funding for the 2021-22 funding year to support continued implementation and operations of the Infection Prevention and Control Hub Program.

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, will write to the Sudbury and District Health Unit shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing the funding.

Thank you for the important service that your public health unit provides to Ontarians, and your ongoing dedication and commitment to addressing the public health needs of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, Sudbury and District Health Unit
Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Pandemic Response and Recovery
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health

October 21, 2021

Honourable Christine Elliott
Ministry of Health
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Dear Minister Elliott:

On behalf of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), I commend the strong progress being made in bringing COVID-19 under control through the public health measures and the vaccination campaign directed by the provincial government of Ontario. We continue to work collectively to complete the “final mile” of vaccination of the population while simultaneously continuing all activities of COVID-19 surveillance and case management/contact tracing.

The COVID-19 work has required an unprecedented quantity of resources, particularly human resources. Accordingly, boards of health have had to significantly augment their staffing specifically for the Mass Immunization Clinics. Salaries and related expenses of this greatly enhanced workforce (including transportation, supplies and equipment) have only been partially managed by the funding received from the province on July 22, 2021. SMDHU only received 42% of its COVID-19 funding request and costs to date have far exceeded that funding. To add to 2021 cash flow pressures, SMDHU would require the hiring of nursing and administrative staff to implement the provincially mandated vaccine clinics for 5–11-year-olds in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka as well as implement the “booster” clinics for specific populations. With no immediate COVID-19 funding, these pressures for the end of 2021 compound finance issues for SMDHU and will potentially impede our ability to finance the human resources required.

The SMDHU Board of Health via management staff have been in active communication with Ministry of Health staff specifically related to the one-time funding COVID-19 requests. Unfortunately, the Board of Health experienced cash flow issues in July due to the lack of COVID-19 funding from the Ministry of Health to the point, that the Board was forced to seek approval from its four obligated municipalities to borrow from a bank up to \$5M to cover salaries and expenses for COVID-19 activities. SMDHU also sought and received from the Ministry of Health an advance in funding for the Ministry portion of the cost-shared budget to ensure that payroll commitments and the payment of vaccination expenses could be met. On October 20, 2021, the Board of Health approved a motion requesting that boards of health immediately receive the *COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs* and COVID-19 Vaccine Extraordinary Costs funding as articulated in SMDHU’s Q2 financial statement and that the Ministry of Health commit in writing to:

- (1) extend COVID-19 funding in 2022;
- (2) establish funding in 2022 for public health recovery activities; and,

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- (3) increase provincial funding for public health base budgets proportional to the municipal levy increase needed in 2022 to maintain capacity for public health program delivery.

The financial pressure from not having access to the required amount of COVID-19 funding from the province, with the simultaneous requirement to respond to the pandemic through surveillance, case and contact management, outbreak response, education and enforcement of the changing requirements of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*, and the vaccination of the population has placed the Board in a precarious financial situation. If there is not sufficient funding from the province, there is also a sizeable risk that SMDHU will have a large year-end deficit moving into 2022 based on 2021 COVID-19 expenses that may require a large municipal levy increase to eliminate the deficit and to address the response needs in 2022.

For these reasons the SMDHU Board of Health urges the provincial government to approve and immediately flow the amount required by each health unit of one-time *COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs* and *COVID-19 Vaccine Program Extraordinary Costs*.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Chair, Board of Health

AD:CG:cm

cc: Ontario Boards of Health
MPPs of Simcoe Muskoka
City of Barrie Mayor and Council
City of Orillia Mayor and Council
The District Municipality of Muskoka District Chair and Council
County of Simcoe Warden and Council
Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario



**Ontario’s Public Health System:
Response & Recovery
alPHa Fall Symposium
November 19, 2021**

Draft Program – As of October 19, 2021

Note: Meeting is hosted via Zoom Webinar

8:30 am to 4 pm - All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

<p>Call to Order and Greetings from the alPHa President Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, President, alPHa</p> <p>Land Acknowledgement Trudy Sachowski, Vice-President, alPHa</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario Allan O’Dette, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Medical Association Steini Brown, Dean, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto</p>	<p>8:30 am to 8:45 am</p>
<p>Update from the Chief Medical Officer of Health Speaker: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health Moderator: Dr. Charles Gardner, Chair, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health</p>	<p>8:45 am to 9:30 am</p>
<p>After the Storm: Public Health Considerations for Recovery and Beyond Speakers (Public Health Ontario): Colleen Geiger, President and Chief Executive Officer (acting); Chief, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Research, Information and Knowledge, PHO Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Chief Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Officer, PHO Dr. Samir Patel, Chief, Microbiology and Laboratory Science (acting), PHO Dr. Brian Schwartz, Vice President, PHO Moderator: Dr. Robert Kyle, Treasurer, alPHa</p> <p>Summary: It’s been more than a year and a half since the identification of the first case of COVID-19 in Ontario. The availability of safe and effective vaccines and adherence to public health measures has placed Ontario in an enviable position compared to many other jurisdictions. While challenges remain, public health system leaders have an opportunity to collectively plan for what comes next. Join Public Health Ontario executives in a discussion on shifting priorities and opportunities as we begin to transition into pandemic recovery and living with COVID-19.</p>	<p>9:30 am to 10:15 am</p>
<p>Break</p>	<p>10:15 to</p>

	10:30 am
<p>Recovery to Transformation: Lessons from the Pandemic Speakers: Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health and Dr. Christopher Simpson, Executive Vice-President, Medical, Ontario Health Moderator: Carmen McGregor, Past-President, alPHa</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated many long-standing challenges in our health care system. Matthew Anderson, President and CEO and Dr. Chris Simpson, Executive VP Medical, will discuss lessons learned during the pandemic and how system recovery can serve as a catalyst for the transformation required to better connect, coordinate and improve health care for all Ontarians.</p>	10:30 am to 11:15 am
<p>New Normal – New Foundations Speaker: Dr. Kwame McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Wellesley Institute Moderator: Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health</p> <p>Canada's has had a good covid-19 response compared to other high-income countries with lower rates of death than many countries including the UK and USA. The hard work and long hours of public health and essential workers, as well as the diligence of much of the population, are cited as important factors. The recovery and a move towards a new and better normal offers new challenges, but there are a number of innovations and lessons learned from the pandemic that we can build on.</p>	11:15 am to noon
<p>Supporting Safe & Open Schools Speaker: Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education Moderator: Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, President, alPHa</p>	Noon to 12:30 pm
Lunch Break	
<p>Section Meetings <i>Members of the BOH Section and COMOH meet separately in the afternoon. Board of Health members are asked to stay with the Zoom webinar platform. COMOH members will join a separate meeting.</i></p>	1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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**Boards of Health Section Meeting
Friday, November 19, 2021 – 1:30 pm to 4 pm
Draft Agenda – as of October 15, 2021**

BOH Section Chair: Wess Garrod

*Note: Meeting is hosted via Zoom Webinar
All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

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- 1:30 pm **Call to Order**
Land Acknowledgement
Welcoming Remarks
Introductions
- 1:40 pm **Continuing the Conversation with the CMOH**
Speaker: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Moderator: Wess Garrod, BOH Section Chair
- 2:15 pm **AMO Update**
Speaker: Monika Turner, Director of Policy
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- 2:45 pm **Update from ALPHA's Legal Counsel –**
Public Health in the Workplace – Vaccination Policies for Employers
James LeNoury
Principal, LeNoury Law
- 3:45 pm **ALPHA Update / Section Business**
Wess Garrod, BOH Section Chair
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, ALPHA

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2021 BOH Section Meeting.

Section meeting ends at 4 pm.



October 21, 2021

This update is a tool to keep alpha's members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alpha activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at alphaweb.org.

**Fall Symposium and Section Meetings
Ontario's Public Health System: Response & Recovery - Friday, November 19th, 2021
Registration & Draft Program**

alpha is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the alpha 2021 Fall Symposium: **Ontario's Public Health System: Response & Recovery** and the Section Meetings that are taking place on Friday, November 19th, 2021!

We have an exciting line-up of speakers including the **Hon. Christine Elliott** (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), **Graydon Smith** (President, AMO), **Allan O'Dette** (CEO, OMA), **Steini Brown** (Dean, DLSPH), **Dr. Kieran Moore** (Chief Medical Officer of Health), **Colleen Geiger** (President and CEO (acting), Public Health Ontario), **Dr. Jessica Hopkins** (Chief Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Officer, Public Health Ontario), **Dr. Samir Patel** (Chief, Microbiology and Laboratory Science (acting), Public Health Ontario), **Dr. Brian Schwartz** (Vice President, Public Health Ontario), **Matthew Anderson** (President and CEO, Ontario Health), **Dr. Christopher Simpson** (Executive Vice-President, Medical, Ontario Health), **Dr. Kwame McKenzie** (Chief Executive Officer, Wellesley Institute), and the **Hon. Steven Lecce** (Minister of Education).

The draft program can be accessed by clicking on the [Symposium Banner](#) on the homepage or directly via this [webpage](#) on the alpha website. Members of the Boards of Health Section can find the draft program for their meeting [here](#). (Members of COMOH will receive their meeting package at a later date.)

Registration is \$149 plus HST and information on how to register can be found [here](#). The closing date to register is Wednesday, November 17th. Please note that you must be an alpha member to participate in the Symposium or Section meetings.

alpha would like to thank the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health for their generous support and the People Corporation for their sponsorship.

We hope to see you online on Friday, November 19th!

COVID-19 Update

As part of the response to COVID-19, alPHA continues to represent the public health system and work with key stakeholders. To keep members up-to-date, alPHA shares Ministry of Health Situation Reports and COVID-19-related news. If you are not receiving these, please get in touch with the contact person at your health unit who distributes information on behalf of alPHA.

[Visit the Ministry of Health's page on guidance for the health sector](#)

[View the Ministry's website on the status of COVID-19 cases](#)

[Go to Public Health Ontario's COVID-19 website](#)

[Visit the Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19 website](#)

[alPHA's recent COVID-19 related submissions can be found here](#)

alPHA Correspondence

Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHA's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. Correspondence since the last Newsletter:

COMOH Response - Input on Mandatory HCW Vaccines	2021-10-19
Premier Request - Input on Mandatory HCW Vaccines	2021-10-19
MLTSD Response - Paid Sick Leave	2021-09-22

A complete online library is available [here](#).

Boards of Health: Shared Resources

A resource [page](#) is available on alPHA's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to orientation materials, best practices, by-laws, resolutions, and other resources. If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library. Resources available on the alPHA website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health](#)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018](#)
- [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health](#)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
- [Governance Toolkit](#)
- [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
- [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#)
- [List of Health Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)
- [Map: Boards of Health Types](#)
- [NCCHPP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System \(2021\) **New!**](#)

RRFSS Update

There has never been a greater need for Health Units to collect RRFSS data in 2022!

- ✓ **RRFSS provides local COVID-19 data** – RRFSS has over 100 COVID-19 related questions such as *Precautions (Distancing and Face coverings), Employment, Financial Impacts, Food Security and Vaccine Readiness*. Read an example of how one Health Unit has been able to utilize COVID-19 RRFSS data [here](#).
- ✓ **RRFSS provides timely data** – data is available to HUs approximately 8 weeks after data collection – giving current local data which is essential for HUs particularly given the delay of the CCHS data. Letters of Intent to join RRFSS in 2022 are due in November and cost options are now available. So now is the perfect time to plan on joining RRFSS.
- ✓ **RRFSS provides data for post pandemic planning** - HUs will be undertaking pandemic recovery planning and will need to have data for this purpose including data on the success of the vaccination roll-out, concerns about the vaccine and improving uptake. In addition, data will be necessary on other health conditions that were de-prioritised during the pandemic as the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 on the population's longer-term health become apparent.

So don't delay and contact the RRFSS Coordinator, [Lynne Russell](#) to find out how your Health Unit can collect local data by joining RRFSS.

PHO Resources

PHO has released [At a Glance: Summary of Infection Prevention and Control Key Principles and Best Practices for Clinical Office Practice](#). This document provides important infection prevention and control (IPAC) best practices and resources for clinical office settings as they increase/resume in-person care, which may include vaccination as well as assessments and testing for acute respiratory illnesses such as influenza and COVID-19.

The information in this document is complementary to:

- Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee's [Infection Prevention and Control for Clinical Office Practice](#)
- [IPAC Checklist for Clinical Office Practice Core Elements](#)
- [Checklist for Infection Prevention and Control Assessment for Primary Care, Specialty and Walk-in Clinics during COVID-19](#)
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Directives and relevant guidance from the Government of Ontario for providers in primary care and other community settings should continue to be followed. For more information visit Ministry of Health's website: [COVID-19: Guidance for the Health Sector](#).

For more information, contact your [Regional IPAC Support Team](#) or email ipac@oahpp.ca.

Upcoming PHO Events

Interested in PHO's upcoming events? Check out their [Events](#) page to stay up-to-date with all PHO events. Missed an event? Check out their [Presentations](#) page for full recordings of events.

- [Webinar: Path to Success: Becoming an Infection Prevention and Control Rock Star with Your Program Review](#) 22 Oct 2021Webinar
 - [PHO Rounds: Novel Disease Surveillance Tools for the Next Pandemic](#)
 - 26 Oct 2021Webinar
 - [Learning Exchange: Supports for workers responding to overdoses in Ontario](#)
 - 29 Oct 2021Webinar
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Upcoming DLSPH Events, Courses and Webinars

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health hosts many public-health related events, from regular seminar series, featured guest speakers, and professional development opportunities. View all events by day, month, or type of event [here](#). You can explore all past webinars [here](#).

Upcoming events include:

- [Virtual Hereditary Cancer Series](#) (Jan. 15 - Nov. 19)
 - [CSPHP Rounds | Dr. Steini Brown: Science Advice During a Time of Crisis](#) (Oct. 22)
 - [Introduction to GitHub \(Health Data Working Group @ DLSPH\)](#) (Oct. 25)
 - [Department of Family and Community Medicine: Graduate Studies Admissions Open House](#) (Oct. 26)
 - [One Health, One World: From Antibiotics to Zoonoses](#) (Oct. 27)
 - [3rd CQ Critical Pedagogies Symposium on Teaching & Learning Critical Qualitative Health Methods](#) (Nov. 5)
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News Releases

The most up to date news releases from the Government of Ontario can be accessed [here](#).

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