

→ Highlights of 2008-2009

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- participated in developing the first strategic plan of the newly launched Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP);
- met with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Health Promotion and Deputy Minister to provide input on policy issues regarding community engagement, active living, healthy weights, and alcohol policy;
- called on the Premier to renew efforts to control the use of contraband tobacco in Ontario;
- consulted with the Premier's Office on the implementation of expanded oral health services;
- provided leadership to the Ontario Health Providers Alliance and the Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance;
- participated on the Ontario Health Plan for an Influenza Pandemic (OHPIP) Training Workgroup in the creation of training materials for health care professionals;
- participated in consultations on the province's poverty reduction strategy;
- sent correspondence to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the College of Midwives of Ontario, the Canadian Medical Protective Association and the College of Nurses asking for their assistance in encouraging members to receive the annual influenza vaccine;
- corresponded with the Minister of Education in support of Healthy Food for Healthy Schools;
- supported the passage of Bill 11, Protecting Children and Youth from Second Hand Smoke in Automobiles Act through correspondence with the Minister of Health;
- completed a \$2M purchase of hardware and software to update the environmental health inspection information technology requirements of the 36 health units to be used in the monitoring of small drinking water systems.

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

- collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in launching the Ontario Public Health Standards;
- fostered stronger relationships with the Deputy Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister for Public Health;
- worked closely with Ontario Public Health Public Association and Niagara Region Public Health in organizing the Public Health Summit, Making Healthy Communities Count, that was successfully executed in October 2008;

- supported the Waterfront Regeneration Trust's bicycling event, The Great Waterfront Trail Adventure, and fostered collaboration with health units along the trail;
- supported the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Spark Together for Healthy Kids initiative on obesity;
- collaborated with the Ontario Public Health Association, Toronto Public Health, and the Public Health Agency of Canada in producing a workshop on issues in Public Health Ethics;
- worked with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Family Health Team Quality Collaborative to increase networking opportunities for FHTs and health units;
- supported Toronto Public Health's Put Food in the Budget and Nutritious Food Basket initiatives;
- joined the Local Health Integration Network eHealth Council and the Family Health Team Action Group.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- alPHA events were accredited for a total of 49 continuing medical education (CME) credits this year;
- worked with partner organizations to hold 5 professional development events that attracted over 700 public health practitioners
 - Building for Health – From Vision to Reality*, alPHA Annual Conference in Alliston, June 2008
 - Leadership Retreat in Niagara-on-the-Lake, October 2008
 - 2008 Niagara Public Health Summit - Making Healthy Communities Count* in Niagara Falls, October 2008
 - Food for Thought*, Winter Workshop in Toronto, February 2009
 - Public Health Ethics Symposium* in Toronto, February 2009
- Nineteen community medicine residents from universities across Ontario participated in alPHA events. Their participation was supported by a grant from the Public Health Division of the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care.

POSITIONS, STUDIES & REPORTS

- passed thirteen new resolutions on alcohol policy, poverty reduction, and banning commercial food and beverage advertising to children;
- followed up each resolution with communications to relevant stakeholders;
- organized a conference to engage international speakers in discussion on approaches to banning the commercial advertising of food and beverages to children;
- surveyed the membership and produced a report highlighting the need for increased social assistance benefits allowances and greater access to nutritious food among the poor;
- supported the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry's protocol for the collection of dental surveillance data from health units.

→ Financial Statements

The following financial information is extracted from alPHA's audited statements as completed by BDO Dunwoody LLP, for the year ending March 31, 2009. A complete audited report can be obtained from alPHA.

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009		2008-09
REVENUE		(\$)
Membership fees, grants, sponsorship		395,597
Conferences		242,291
Project Funding		2,179,429
Interest and other income		11,142
		2,828,459
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Benefits		363,673
Conferences, meetings and travel		162,588
Project Expenses		2,177,731
Office and program expenses		87,355
		2,791,347
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		37,112
ASSETS		
Cash		155,667
Investments		330,547
Accounts Receivable		20,186
Prepaid Expenses		1,440
Capital Assets		6,356
		514,196
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		24,903
Deferred revenue		173,971
Public Health and the Law Conference payable		36,966
		235,840
NET ASSETS		
Funds invested in capital assets		6,356
Fund Balance		272,000

Special thanks to our affinity partners:



alPHA STAFF

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→ Report from the President and Executive Director

As we reflect on alPHA's activities over the 2008-09 fiscal year, we are pleased to report on the Association's many accomplishments. The dominant themes for the year are collaboration, productive partnership, and professional development.

alPHA successfully engaged with the new Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion through meetings with the CEO, Dr. Vivek Goel, and other members of the senior management team. That engagement grew into active participation in the development of the Agency's first strategic plan, the Sheela Basur Centre, and an initial joint project to establish a healthy weights surveillance protocol for public health. The healthy weights surveillance project was funded by the Ministry of Health Promotion and will continue into next year. We look forward to further opportunities for partnership as the Agency fulfills its mandate to become a world leader in public health.

Through meetings with the Minister of Health Promotion, Hon. Margaret Best, and Deputy Minister Cynthia Morton, alPHA provided important input on policy issues regarding community engagement, active living, healthy weights, and alcohol policy. alPHA also consulted with the Premier's office regarding funding for oral health services. In addition to engaging the leaders of public health in Ontario, alPHA is pleased to have extended its leadership capacity to other stakeholders in the system. alPHA's Executive Director, Linda Stewart, served as Chair of the Ontario Health Provider's Alliance and as Co-Chair of the Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance.

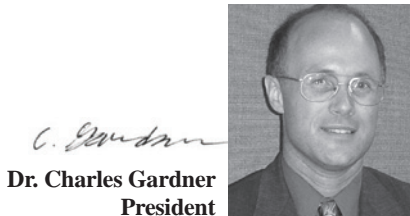
Our partnerships with stakeholders across public health have laid the groundwork for significant systemic enhancements. alPHA maintained the Joint Working Group on Social Determinants of Health with the Ontario Public Health Association as one of several key forums for ongoing mutual support and collaboration. Together the working group developed an important submission to the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction. With support from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, alPHA collaborated with the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO) to review and evaluate the practicum training of student public health inspectors. The Association also supported the protocol proposed by the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD) for the collection of data from health units on dental surveillance and completed the distribution of \$1.5 million of information technology equipment to support environmental health inspection

programs. Further funds were secured to support professional development programming for alPHA members, including funds for community medicine residents from university programs across Ontario to attend alPHA conferences and seminars.

2008-09 saw the launch of the updated Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols. alPHA supported the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in the November launch by securing accreditation for the event. In total, alPHA provided its members with access to 49 hours of continuing medical education accredited events. This was achieved by working closely with members of the Maintenance of Certification Committee and other key partners. Special thanks go to Simcoe-Muskoka District Public Health and Niagara Region Public Health for co-hosting alPHA's June Annual Conference the October Public Health Summit.

As always, alPHA Board deliberations were spirited, thorough and highly productive. alPHA's voice was heard through resolutions of the board and other activities on a wide variety of issues including; the Act to Ban the Cosmetic Use of Pesticides, the Ontario Toxics Reduction Strategy, the City of Toronto Gun Violence Strategy, the Waterfront Trail, the Put Food in the Budget campaign, submissions to the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, prohibiting the operation of motorcycles with child passengers, contraband tobacco, and partnering on the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Spark Together campaign on childhood obesity.

While undertaking these systemic challenges alPHA is also proud to have strengthened the voice of its membership. We would like to thank the Association's members, Board of Directors and staff for a year that saw significant growth in a fundamentally strong organization. We urge you to continue to work with us towards even greater achievements in the years to come.



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Dr. Charles Gardner
President



Linda Stewart
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Executive Director

→ Leadership Retreat 2008-09



alPHA President Dr. Charles Gardner (left) with Executive Director Linda Stewart and members Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Dr. Megan Ward enjoying some recreation at the Leadership Retreat



alPHA Executive Director Linda Stewart (left) with reception host Dr. Robin Williams



COMOH Chair Dr. Lynn Noseworthy



Leadership Retreat organizer Dr. Megan Ward (left) with Community Medicine Residents Sarah Wilson, Victoria Lee and Ingrid Tyler

→ Our Members

1. Algoma Public Health
2. Brant County Health Unit
3. Chatham-Kent Public Health Services
4. Durham Region Health Department
5. Eastern Ontario Health Unit
6. Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit
7. Grey Bruce Health Unit
8. Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
9. Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
10. Halton Region Health Department
11. City of Hamilton - Public Health & Social Services
12. Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit
13. Huron County Health Unit
14. Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health
15. County of Lambton, Community Health Services Dept.
16. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
17. Middlesex-London Health Unit
18. Niagara Region Public Health
19. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
20. Northwestern Health Unit
21. Ottawa Public Health
22. Oxford County - Public Health & Emergency Services
23. Peel Public Health
24. Perth District Health Unit
25. Peterborough County-City Health Unit
26. Porcupine Health Unit
27. Renfrew County & District Health Unit
28. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
29. Sudbury & District Health Unit
30. Thunder Bay District Health Unit
31. Timiskaming Health Unit
32. Toronto Public Health
33. Region of Waterloo, Public Health
34. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
35. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
36. York Region Public Health Services

→ Committees

All 36 health units in Ontario are Active Members of alPHA. Health units are represented by their Medical and Associate Medical Officers of Health and their Board of Health members.

SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP IN ALPHA:

ANDSOOHA	Public Health Nursing Management
AOPHBA	Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators
APHEO	Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario
ASPHIO	Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario
HPO	Health Promotion Ontario
OAPHD	Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
OSNPPH	Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health

alPHA also provides Associate membership to the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA).

2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OAPHD	Joyce Sinton		

ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATIVE: Liz Haugh, OPHA

* mid-term appointee

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