



Boards of Health Section Meeting November 8, 2024

*Note: Meeting is hosted via Zoom Webinar
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)
BOH Section Chair: René Lapierre*

<p>Call to Order Land Acknowledgement Welcoming Remarks Introductions</p> <p><i>Speaker: René Lapierre, Chair, BOH Section</i></p>	1:00 p.m.														
<p>ALPHA Update and Orientation / Section Business/ Approval of Minutes</p> <p><i>Speakers: René Lapierre, BOH, Section Chair, ALPHA, and Loretta Ryan, CEO, ALPHA</i></p>	1:05 p.m.														
<p style="text-align: center;">Meet the BOH Section Executive Committee Members!</p> <p>Come and hear from the BOH Executive Committee Members who are in attendance. In the meantime, you can click on the links to check out their bios below that are also posted on the ALPHA webpage for the Board of Directors.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Chair / BOH Section Representative, Northwest Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Trudy Sachowski</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BOH Section Chair/ BOH Section Representative, North East Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>René Lapierre</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Treasurer/ BOH Section Representative, Toronto</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Abinaya Chandrabalan</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BOH Section Representative, Central West Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Jim Erb</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BOH Section Representative, South West Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Bernia Martin</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BOH Section Representative, Central East Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Elizabeth Roy</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BOH Section Representative, East Region</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><u>Tammy DeGiovanni</u></td> </tr> </table> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Moderator: Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, ALPHA</i></p>	Chair / BOH Section Representative, Northwest Region	<u>Trudy Sachowski</u>	BOH Section Chair/ BOH Section Representative, North East Region	<u>René Lapierre</u>	Treasurer/ BOH Section Representative, Toronto	<u>Abinaya Chandrabalan</u>	BOH Section Representative, Central West Region	<u>Jim Erb</u>	BOH Section Representative, South West Region	<u>Bernia Martin</u>	BOH Section Representative, Central East Region	<u>Elizabeth Roy</u>	BOH Section Representative, East Region	<u>Tammy DeGiovanni</u>	1:45 p.m.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Public Health CEO Reflections</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Three CEOs will discuss their work in their respective local public health agencies including what they do to support Boards of Health in their important governance work overseeing local public health in action.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speakers: Cynthia St. John, CEO, Southwestern Public Health Marilyn Herbacz, CEO, Northwestern Health Unit Dr. Ken Blanchette, CEO, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit</i></p>	2:05 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Spokespersons – What to Do When the Microphone is in Front of You!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presenter and Interviewer: Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, alPHa Interviewees – Members of the alPHa BOH Executive Committee</i></p>	2:35 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">alPHa Legal Counsel Update for Boards of Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Risk Management for a Governance Board- A Balancing Act.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speaker: James LeNoury, Legal Counsel, alPHa Moderator: Abinaya Chandrabalan, Treasurer, Board of Directors, alPHa</i></p>	3:00 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Update</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speakers: Alicia Neufeld, Senior Manager, Policy, and Daniela Spagnuolo, Policy Advisor, AMO Moderator: René Lapierre, Chair, BOH Section, Board of Directors, alPHa</i></p> <p>AMO works with Ontario’s 444 municipalities to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Come and hear the latest from AMO with regards to public health issues, including homelessness, from a municipal perspective with a focus on their recent work.</p>	3:45 p.m.
<p>Wrap Up & Next Meeting</p>	4:15 p.m.

Meeting ends at 4:30 p.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES
Boards of Health Section Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2024 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Chair: Carmen McGregor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/WELCOMING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, C. McGregor, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and provided welcoming remarks and introductions to Boards of Health (BOH) Section members, Affiliates, and speakers.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by C. McGregor.

2.0 ALPHA UPDATE/SECTION BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

C. McGregor called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2024, Boards of Health Section Meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was approved and carried.

Section Business

C. McGregor introduced the BOH Section Executive Committee members, noting they play an important leadership role in all of alPHa's work. She provided the BOH Section with an overview of the work the BOH Section Executive Committee does, stating they had meetings four times this past year. The members also participated in meetings (scheduled and ad hoc) of the alPHa Board of Directors. C. McGregor stated she, T. Sachowski, and W. Garrod were also on the alPHa Executive Committee. She noted they represented the association in meetings with key stakeholders, including with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

C. McGregor provided BOH Section members with an overview of partners they have worked with over the past year. These included the Ministry of Health, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Ontario, and other key stakeholders.

She thanked T. Sachowski for helping alPHa come into compliance with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), noting the approval at the AGM was a culmination of two years' worth of work.

C. McGregor also spoke about the Strategic Plan, stating it was approved by the alPHa Board of Directors in December, launched at the February Winter Symposium, and is being actively implemented.

C. McGregor gave BOH Section members an overview of the Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance Day at Queen's Park in April. She noted they were able to interact with MPPs and their staff and that T. Sachowski was recognized in the Ontario Legislature.

She also stated alPHa continues to have a strong working relationship with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). C. McGregor noted T. Sachowski as the Boards of Health Section representative and L. Ryan as the alPHa staff representative as members of the AMO Health Transformation Task Force. Additional members of the task force are R. Lapierre and C. St. John. Past-President, Dr. Robert Kyle, is also a member. Many other alPHa members also participate.

C. McGregor spoke about the third *Public Health Matters* infographic and thanked all those who contributed to developing it, in addition to profiling the infographic when it was launched in the fall.

Lastly, C. McGregor thanked the alPHa staff, particularly L. Ryan who she worked closely with over the past seven years, for their work and welcomed L. Russell, the newest staff member, to alPHa. She then turned the meeting over to L. Ryan.

L. Ryan stated it had been a pleasure to work with C. McGregor, saying her dedication and leadership are outstanding. She noted C. McGregor had served two terms as alPHa President, and two terms as the Boards of Health Section Chair. She also noted her thanks to the Boards of Health Section Executive Committee.

L. Ryan stated the association keeps its members apprised of the latest news in public health through its communication system, which has been effective in reaching alPHa's members. She thanked all of the board-designated administrative contacts for distributing the information and for their hard work on keeping members informed. She also encouraged BOH Section members to read alPHa's monthly newsletter, *Information Break*, noting it is a portal to key public health issues and alPHa activities. L. Ryan highlighted the Affiliates section and thanked all of them for contributing to it. She also reminded BOH Section members they can use the dedicated section for Boards of Health members in the newsletter and the resource page on the alPHa website.

3.0 ON THE FRONT LINES

C. McGregor introduced Caitlyn Paget from the Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario; Steven Rebellato from the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario; Susan Stewart from Health Promotion Ontario; and Cynthia St. John, as moderator, from the Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators. C. McGregor noted they will each speak about key public health issues from their own perspectives. C. St. John stated each Affiliate brings a breadth of experience.

Each of the Affiliate members presented about key issues for the profession and Affiliate. C. St. John moderated questions from the audience. C. McGregor thanked them all for their time.

4.0 ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO) UPDATE

L. Ryan introduced Alicia Neufeld, Senior Manager, Policy, and Daniela Spagnuolo, Policy Advisor from AMO. A. Neufeld's presentation covered public health standards; access to health services advocacy; opioids advocacy and the *Social and Economic Prosperity Review* update.

T. Sachowski moderated questions from the audience and a question-and-answer session took place. L. Ryan thanked A. Neufeld and D. Spagnuolo for their presentation. She also thanked T. Sachowski for moderating the session.

5.0 HAMILTON'S PROPOSED BOARD OF HEALTH STRUCTURE

L. Ryan introduced municipal councillor, Maureen Wilson, Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Affiliate Representative for the Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders, and Abi Chandrabalan from Toronto Public Health as moderator.

M. Wilson and J. Vickers-Manzin spoke to BOH Section members about Hamilton's proposed board of health structure as they applied to become a semi-autonomous board of health, similar to Toronto and Ottawa noting the new model would change the board composition, with the aim of making it more inclusive and representative of the community.

A. Chandrabalan moderated questions from the audience for M. Wilson and J. Vickers-Manzin and a question-and-answer session took place. L. Ryan thanked M. Wilson and J. Vickers-Manzin for their presentation and A. Chandrabalan for moderating the session.

6.0 BOARD OF HEALTH GOVERNANCE

L. Ryan introduced Monika Turner, Principal, Roving Capacity. L. Ryan and M. Turner provided a preview of the training courses that aPHa offers to BOHs. They noted that BOHs need to be aware of public health legislation and changes to public health practice. They noted the course will teach attendees how to balance their governance responsibilities. They also talked about how the courses will be tailored based on each health unit and board of health. It was noted the courses can be delivered in-person or online on a cost-recovery basis. She noted they are taking bookings from September onwards.

7.0 BOH SECTION ELECTIONS

L. Ryan stated the BOH Section holds an election at the meeting, noting there are two candidates for East Region: Wess Garrod and Tammy DeGiovanni. Since W. Garrod was the incumbent, he spoke first. Afterwards, T. DeGiovanni spoke.

L. Ryan stated Bernia Martin had been acclaimed for South West Region. She also noted the Central West vacancy will go to the BOH Section Executive for discussion at their next meeting.

L. Ryan reminded BOH Section members to fill out the post-conference survey and to hold the date, November 6-8, for the Fall Symposium. She noted there will be a full-day workshop on artificial intelligence and local public health agencies. She thanked S. Rebellato for organizing the workshop.

The results of the election were presented and T. DeGiovanni was the successful candidate.

8.0 CLOSING REMARKS

L. Ryan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a safe journey home. She then adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.