



Boards of Health Section Meeting Agenda

June 20, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT

Pantages Hotel, Rehearsal Hall, 3rd Floor, 200 Victoria Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1V8

<i>Breakfast will be available starting at 8 a.m.</i>	8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and Land Acknowledgement alPHA Update/Section Business/Approval of Minutes Speakers: Tammy DeGiovanni, Chair, BOH Section, and Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, alPHA	9 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
On the Front Lines Speakers: Carolyn Doris, Ontario Dietitians in Public Health Steven Rebellato, Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario Paul Sharma, Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry Joanne Figliano-Scott, Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders Moderator: Cynthia St. John, Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators Back by popular demand! This session features senior public health managers in key public health disciplines. Speakers will discuss issues from their unique perspectives as Affiliate members. Don't miss these important updates!	9:10 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Networking Break Network with colleagues as you enjoy refreshments in the foyer.	10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Legally Speaking – alPHA’s Legal Counsel in Conversation with alPHA Members about Financial Obligations of a Board of Health Speakers: James LeNoury, Principal, LeNoury Law and Legal Counsel, alPHA, and members of the alPHA BOH Section Executive Committee Moderator: Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, alPHA Financial obligations and fiscal responsibilities are key for Boards of Health. Join alPHA’s legal counsel and public health colleagues in a discussion of issues related to this important area of governance.	10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
AI and Public Health Speaker: Steven Rebellato, Board of Directors, alPHA Moderator: Bernia Martin, Board of Directors, alPHA As a follow-up to the Fall 2024 workshop on AI and Public Health, updates will be provided on local use cases, ongoing developments in AI, and considerations for AI implementation in public health units. AI is rapidly changing the public health sector. You won’t want to miss this important update.	11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
BOH Governance Course Highlights, Closing Remarks, and Door Prize Speaker: Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, alPHA A door prize will be drawn, and you must be present to win.	11:45 a.m. - noon

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Boards of Health Section Meeting
Friday, February 4, 2025 – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Vice Chair: Tammy DeGiovanni

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

The BOH Section Vice Chair, T. DeGiovanni, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., providing welcoming remarks and introductions to Boards of Health (BOH) Section members, Affiliates, speakers, and moderators and noted the consent agenda.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by T. Sachowski.

2.0 ALPHA UPDATE/SECTION BUSINESS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

T. DeGiovanni called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2024, BOH Section Meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was approved and carried. T. DeGiovanni then turned the meeting over to alPHA's Chief Executive Officer, L. Ryan.

Section Business

L. Ryan acknowledged the volunteer efforts of the BOH Section Executive Committee members, noting they continue to play an important leadership role in alPHA's work, and highlighted their participation in alPHA Board of Directors, alPHA Executive Committee meetings and in the BOH Section Executive and general meetings of the Section.

L. Ryan then encouraged BOH Section members to read alPHA's monthly newsletter, *Information Break*, especially *Leader to Leader* (which is the alPHA Chair's message) and the BOH Resource section. She then turned the meeting over to T. Sachowski, Chair of the alPHA Board of Directors.

T. Sachowski noted the BOH Section election process is being updated because of Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. She then gave an overview of the process to fill open seats on the BOH Section Executive Committee and the alPHA Board of Directors.

L. Ryan provided BOH Section members with an overview of alPHA's BOH Governance Courses. She also thanked M. Turner for co-presenting and for her work on the courses. L. Ryan noted the two courses offered: BOH Governance and Social Determinants of Health and gave an overview of each. She then provided BOH Section members with an alPHA orientation.

L. Ryan also spoke about the Distinguished Service Awards. She encouraged the BOH Section members to send in their nomination. T. Sachowski noted the conference is a wonderful networking opportunity and is a chance for BOH Section members to meet their colleagues, share ideas, knowledge, and resources, and to celebrate public health.

3.0 MEET THE NEW CHAIRS

L. Ryan introduced the representatives from the newly merged public health units. They were J. O'Neill from South East Health Unit, M. Boileau from Northeastern Public Health, R. Black, from Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit, and J. Bell from Grand Erie Public Health. Each spoke from their experience with merging health units - what had gone well, any challenges they had, and what they learned.

C. Doris then moderated the question-and-answer session. L. Ryan thanked them all for participating.

4.0 BOARDS OF HEALTH – ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

L. Ryan introduced J. LeNoury, Principal, LeNoury Law and alPha's Legal Counsel, D. Lawrance, Chair, Board of Health Northwestern Health Unit, and A. Kungl, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. It was noted this session was about supporting those who serve on boards of health to better understand their roles and responsibilities as public health officials, and to keep them updated on legal requirements.

J. LeNoury provided BOH Section members with information regarding liabilities for boards of health and with an overview of their legal requirements. This included BOH governance, the HPPA, BOH responsibilities, and issues to address in order to govern effectively, highlighting best practices.

A roundtable discussion amongst J. LeNoury, A. Kungl, and D. Lawrance then took place, followed by an interactive session with those in attendance, moderated by L. Ryan. L. Ryan thanked J. LeNoury for the presentation and the panelists for participating.

5.0 ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO) UPDATE

L. Ryan introduced A. Neufeld, Senior Manager, Policy, and D. Spagnuolo, Policy Advisor, from AMO. A. Neufeld explained that the presentation would be focusing on AMO's latest study that was released in January. She gave an overview of the project, noting 47 municipal service managers had contributed to the study. A. Neufeld and D. Spagnuolo's presentation covered three areas: 1. A new look at homelessness in Ontario, 2. A 10-year perspective on homelessness, and 3. Investing in solutions.

L. Ryan then moderated the question-and-answer session and then thanked A. Neufeld and D. Spagnuolo for attending the meeting.

6.0 WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING

L. Ryan thanked P. Roumeliotis, K. Hébert, and A. Morrisson from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and O. George from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health for their technical support. She recognized and thanked all of the speakers, workshop presenters, moderators and the alPha staff: G. Fleming, M. Dziengo, and L. Russell for their work on the events over the week.

L. Ryan reminded BOH Section members to fill out their after-event surveys. She spoke about the alPha 2025 Annual General Meeting and Conference, which is being held, in-person, June 18-20 in Toronto and noted that more information about the AGM and conference will be released in the next week.

L. Ryan adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.