

# 2024 Winter Symposium

## Section Meetings and Workshops

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**Continue the important conversations on Ontario's local public health system's critical role, value, and benefit.**

## alPHa Winter Symposium – Final Program

### February 16, 2024

*Note: Meeting is hosted via Zoom Webinar*

*All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

<p><b>PH Matters Videos</b> <i>We have a full program for the day that starts at 8:30 a.m.! Attendees are encouraged to get started a few minutes early to check their internet connection, log into the Zoom webinar, and test audio settings. alPHa's Public Health Matters infographics and videos will play at this time and again during the lunch break.</i></p>	<p>8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Call to Order, Greetings, Land Acknowledgement, and Welcoming Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Charles Gardner, President, Board of Directors, alPHa</p> <p>Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.</p>
<p><b>alPHa Update and Launch of the New Strategic Plan</b> Speaker: Dr. Charles Gardner, President, Board of Directors, alPHa Moderator: Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, alPHa</p> <p>alPHa actively represents all of Ontario's boards of health, medical officers and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers. The association is a unified voice and a trusted advisor on public health, advances the work of local public health through strategic partnerships and collaborations, supports the sustainability of Ontario's local public health system, and delivers member services to local public health leaders. Come and hear what your association is doing for members as we launch alPHa's new Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.</p>

<p><b>Been There, Done That: The Top 10+ Lessons Learned from Prior Mergers</b>  Speaker: Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Frontenac  Moderator: Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, COMOH Section Chair, Board of Directors, alPHa</p> <p>Learn from a veteran of three mergers about real life successes and failures. While the process may be new to you, it's not new in the Ontario public service as a succession of Provincial governments have attempted to merge hospitals, municipalities, and conservation authorities. The lessons learned from Kelly Pender's experiences will help guide you and your team and keep you on track.</p>	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
<p><b>Population and Health Indicators Interactive Dashboard</b>  Speakers:  Dr. Piotr Oglaza, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, KFL&amp;A  Wess Garrod, Vice President, Board of Directors, alPHa  Moderator: Carmen McGregor, Chair, Boards of Health Section, Board of Directors, alPHa</p> <p>KFL&amp;A will share with members their population dashboard they created to help facilitate discussions on voluntary mergers. Come and hear how this useful tool can help to inform decisions. Want to check it out in advance? You can find the dashboard <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
<p><b>Health and Wellness Break with Franger Jimenez</b>  At the beginning of the break, all members are encouraged to participate as Franger Jimenez takes alPHa members through a health and wellness activity. It will only take a few minutes and help to get you set for the rest of the day.</p>	10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
<p><b>Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA) Update</b>  Speakers: John Allen, Partner, and Adam Malek, Partner, Allen &amp; Malek LLP,  Dr. Robert Kyle, Past-Chair, alPHa-ONCA Compliance Working Group  Moderator: Trudy Sachowski, Past President, Board of Directors, alPHa</p> <p>alPHa representatives and legal counsel will provide an update on ONCA-related work and share a draft of the new by-law that is intended to replace the current Constitution, as required, to come into compliance with the Not-for Profit Corporations Act, 2010.</p>	10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
<p><b>Update from Public Health Ontario</b>  Michael Sherar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Ontario  Colleen Geiger, Chief, Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Research, Information and Knowledge  Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Chief Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Officer  Dr. Samir Patel, Chief Laboratory Science and Operations Officer  Dr. Tamara Wallington, Chief Health Promotion and Environmental Health Officer  Moderator: Dr. Vera Etches, Board of Directors, alPHa</p>	11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
<p><b>Update from the Chief Medical Officer of Health</b>  Speakers: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  Liz Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health  Sarah Levitt, Manager, Strategic Implementation, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health  Carol Ma, Manager for the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health  Moderator: Dr. Charles Gardner, President, Board of Directors, alPHa</p>	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

<b>Lunch Break</b>	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
<b>Public Health and the Political Landscape</b> Speaker: Sabine Matheson, Principal, StrategyCorp Moderator: Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Affiliates, Board of Directors, ALPHA  The latest updates will be provided by StrategyCorp on the public policy climate and key political issues impacting public health agencies and their local boards of health. Come and hear information that will help to inform decision-making from this government relations expert.	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section Meetings</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BOH and COMOH Section meetings will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Symposium. Boards of Health members are asked to stay with the Symposium Zoom webinar platform. Coordinates and the agenda for the COMOH Section meeting will be provided separately.</i></p>	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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