2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of exceptional qualities of leadership, tangible achievements through long service or distinctive acts, and exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels

Building a Healthier Ontario
2016 Annual Conference

Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)
Toronto, Ontario — June 6, 2016
EMCEE
Linda Stewart, Executive Director, alPHa

WELCOMING REMARKS

DINNER
Menu:
Roasted Vine Ripened Tomato Soup
Mache Lettuce with Champagne Vinaigrette and Dried Figs
Marinated Chicken Breast with Sweet Potato Duchesse and Green Beans
Fresh Fruit Salad
Coffee and Tea

Special meals provided for those who have previously indicated

PRESENTATION OF ALPHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

CLOSING REMARKS

Entertainment by Yosvani
The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) reflects the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' commitment to increasing public recognition of the significant contributions made to public health in Ontario by board of health members, health unit staff, and public health professionals.

Eligibility for this award is open to any of alPHa's members, including medical officers of health, board of health members, members of Affiliate organizations and, occasionally, individuals outside the Association.

The Award is given to recipients who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership in their own milieu, achieved tangible results through long service or distinctive acts, and shown exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels.

Congratulations to our 2016 Award recipients!
Diane Bewick has enjoyed a long and distinguished nursing career in public health that began in the Moss Park District for Toronto Public Health in 1977. Since that time she has served public health in many capacities from staff Public Health Nurse to Director of Family Health at the Middlesex London Health Unit. Although formally retired from public health, she remains active while serving in her current part-time capacity of Senior Program Specialist with Public Health Ontario.

During her career, she has taken on academic roles where she taught students at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland; University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario; and Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. She has been a contributor and writer of countless articles, book chapters, Refereed Journals, Technical Reports and Best Practice Guidelines in the area of public health and public health nursing.

Her accolades include leadership awards given by the Sigma Theta International Nursing Society, Agency Awards from the Canadian Nursing Association, and the Council of University Programs in Nursing. In 2013 she was a finalist for a leadership award with the Canadian Council of Health Care Executives.

As evidence of a strong commitment to the future of public health, Diane has also mentored generations of nurses, many of whom have become leaders in their own right.
Joanne Beyers

Nominated by the
Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health

Joanne (Jo) Beyers has dedicated three decades of service in public health as a leader, key contributor, and advocate. Her roles have included hospital Registered Dietitian, Public Health Nutritionist, and Researcher in northern Ontario. Presently, at the Sudbury & District Health Unit, she is one of four Foundational Standard Specialists where she guides staff in making evidence-informed decisions to ensure effective and efficient programming.

Jo is a specialist in knowledge mobilization – bridging policy, practice and academia. Current academic appointments are at the Northern School of Medicine, the University of Toronto, and Laurentian University. Working for almost 15 years at a provincial teaching health unit has taught her the importance of fostering relationships with many sector partners such as researchers, policy analysts, government officials, primary health care providers, and NGOs, among others.

Jo’s most significant accomplishments reflect the diversity of her work in public health over the years. She has participated on many systematic reviews and was a co-investigator of NutriSTEP® validation and efficacy studies which develop universal nutrition screening tools/programs to identify nutritionally at-risk children. For 15 years she was a technical representative on various provincial committees and writing teams whose work has shaped the Ontario Public Health Standards. Jo also founded Beyond BMI, a cross-sector, multi-site health unit research team that is developing a provincial surveillance system for healthy weights including risk and protective factors in children.

Her dedication to advancing public health practice and research also extends to student education and curriculum development in the Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
Kevin Churchill started at Lambton Public Health in November 1997 working as Health Promoter. During this time, he has taken on various leadership positions, most recently as Acting Manager for Family Health, since November 2015.

With strong interests in cancer prevention, tobacco control and healthy public policy, Kevin has contributed to policy work at the local, regional and provincial levels. As the secretary of the Lambton Community Health Study, Kevin has worked with multiple stakeholders to further the community’s understanding of environmental health issues.

Highly collaborative, enthusiastic and deeply respectful of others, he has provided thoughtful leadership and a strong vision at the provincial level through his membership on Health Promotion Ontario (HPO) where he was Chair from 2006 to 2009. During this time and after, he championed the work that led to HPO’s development of the Health Promoter Competencies, upon which subsequent national work in this area, the Pan-Canadian Core Competencies, was built. In 2011 he received the Lori Chow Memorial Award for Excellence in Health Promotion.

Kevin has also been instrumental in the provincial arena through his membership on the board of the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) for the past four years. At OPHA his board roles included Secretary and Membership Committee Chair, positions that have drawn on his diverse skills such as community and engagement planning, program planning, and social marketing.
In a public health career that has spanned 25 years, Patricia (Pat) Hewitt has proven to be a leader esteemed for her professionalism, diplomacy, respect for others and strong work ethic. These qualities have enabled Pat to effectively guide the Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators (AOPHBA) as President for five years. As a long-time member of AOPHBA and a 15-year member of its Executive Committee, she has drawn on her expertise in finances and accountability to provide sound advice to the Public Health Division of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on important matters such as public health unit budgets and settlements. Pat also demonstrated strong leadership by overseeing the development of AOPHBA's first strategic plan which has improved its ability to meet members' needs.

But perhaps it is the provincial scene that highlights Pat's contributions most effectively, as evidenced by the many opportunities she is given to act in the best interests of public health. Time and again, she is tapped by the Ministry to participate on provincial committees—Funding Review Working Group, Performance Management Working Group, Information and Privacy Working Group, to name just a few—where she provides constructive, practical input on crucial public health financial matters.

Her expertise and skill in championing business, finance, and accountability initiatives on behalf of the public health sector at the local and provincial level have benefited Ontarians for more than two decades.
Christopher Munn

Nominated by the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario

In 1989, Chris Munn began his public health career as a newly qualified public health inspector at Huron County. A year later, he joined Grey Bruce Health Unit where he worked his way up from inspector to his current position as Director of Operations and Program Planning.

In each of his roles Chris personified strong commitment to the principles of environmental health as well as to colleagues and the community. He has effectively led his staff and team through a number of critical local public health issues that have had provincial impact, including the Walkerton drinking water crisis and the illegal sale and distribution of unpasteurized milk. In these situations and others, Chris’s professionalism, positive attitude, sharp problem-solving skills, and calm patience and tact in the face of trying circumstances have shown him to be an exemplary public health leader.

His dedication to public health and the community is exemplified by a local issue that took place in 2002. A desperate family physician shortage in the town of Wiarton led to the creation of a Physician Recruitment Committee. Chris quickly stepped in to co-chair the Committee, where word spread about his ability to keep meetings short, productive and on topic. During his time as co-chair, meetings were not only well-attended, but five additional physicians were welcomed to the community.

On the provincial front, Chris has been an active member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, the Ontario Public Health Association, and was President of the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO). His involvement at the board and executive levels of these groups has not only helped to build healthier communities, but also advance public health professional standards in Ontario.
As Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and CEO of Toronto Public Health, Canada’s largest public health agency, David McKeown is responsible for the delivery of comprehensive public health services to 2.7 million people. Prior to this, he held posts as MOH for the Region of Peel and for the pre-amalgamated City of Toronto.

Since assuming his current role in 2004, David has been at the forefront of turning Toronto Public Health into a leading edge, progressive public health unit, making many bold strides in the areas of legislation, public health threat response, and program development and innovation. Notably, he developed and implemented expanded municipal smoking legislation prohibiting smoking in public parks and spaces, as well as the first local legislation in Ontario to require mandatory food handler certification. In 2009 he led the public health response to the H1N1 pandemic influenza outbreak in Toronto, including immunizing 250,000 people in public health clinics and distributing a further 500,000 vaccine doses to health care providers. David also led the development and implementation of: Food and Drug Strategies for Toronto; innovative health promotion initiatives (Savvy Diner, Rediscover the Stairs); healthy urban environment policy, research and advocacy; and the first peer-based naloxone program to reduce opiate overdoses, among many other programs.

In addition to his local commitments, David has also contributed greatly to many provincial committees and working groups aimed at improving Ontario’s public health system. He is often called upon for his deep knowledge and expertise gained over 30 years of public health practice in large urban centres.

David’s exceptional leadership and visionary skills are evidenced by his numerous awards, including the Canadian Paediatric Society’s D. Noni MacDonald Award, the University of Toronto’s C.P. Shah Alumni Award of Excellence, and the Samuel J. Crumbine Award for Excellence in Food Protection.
Julie Roy
Nominated by the Boards of Health Section, alPHa

Julie Roy is a Public Appointee to the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health, of whom she has been a member since 2002. She has been Vice-Chair and is the current Board Chair, a position she has held since 2013. She is a long-time member of the standing Finance-Audit / Executive Committee, and served on the ad hoc Constitution Review Committee from 2009 to 2010.

During Julie’s recent years on the Executive, the Board of Health undertook extensive organizational restructuring, and completed a long-term strategic plan that focuses on improving the health status of the region via enhanced area partnerships and collaborations. Under her leadership and influence, the Board established fiscal controls and processes, including balanced budgets with zero increase to municipalities. The Health Unit also became accredited and achieved a Bronze certification from Excellence Canada.

Julie shares the Board of Health’s conviction that effective, ongoing public health promotion and disease prevention programs and services, and healthy public policies, are crucial components of a long-term solution to address rising health care costs.

Julie is a regular attender at alPHa meetings and events and participated on an alPHa panel discussion on boards of health structures in June 2006. A strong supporter of rural and northern public health, she participates and contributes to alPHa committees and activities at an in-depth level.
In a career that has lasted several decades, Hazel Stewart has dedicated her life to improving oral health for the most vulnerable. Her first public health position was at a school-based dental program in Saskatchewan, where she helped implement a fluoride mouth-rinse program for rural schoolchildren. She joined Toronto Public Health in 1987 as it moved from school-based dental care to community clinic delivery, and helped expand the city’s Senior Dental Program beginning in 1989.

When the City of Toronto amalgamated with neighbouring municipalities, Hazel led the process to harmonize and increase public health dental programs across the new city. She was instrumental in locating dental services in several Community Health Centres across Toronto to improve access to basic dental care. In a bid to serve street youth and adults and other at-risk groups, she also secured provincial funding for a dental bus. This mobile dental clinic was officially launched with the support from the Minister of Health on November 6, 2012.

Hazel has been a tireless force in advocating for oral health both locally and provincially. She is a founding member and Chair of the Toronto Oral Health Coalition, the first of its kind in Ontario, which brings together representatives from health and social services agencies who advocate for affordable dental care for low-income adults, and for improved coverage for those on social assistance. Well-respected by the media, she has helped shine a spotlight on the importance of oral health and its impact. Her work has sparked advocacy efforts around the province, leading to the establishment of the Ontario Health Oral Alliance and several more local counterparts.
### 2015
- **William Hunter**
  - Niagara Region Public Health (ASPHIO)
- **David Mowat**
  - Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- **Karen Quigley-Hobbs**
  - Region of Waterloo, Public Health (ANDSOOHA)

### 2014
- **John Albanese**
  - Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
- **Peter Cooney**
  - Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
- **Terrence Sullivan**
  - Public Health Ontario
- **Jo Ann Tober**
  - Brant County Health Unit (ANDSOOHA)

### 2013
- **Joan Carrothers**
  - Middlesex-London Health Unit (OAPHD)
- **Meighan Finlay**
  - Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation
- **Vivek Goel**
  - Public Health Ontario
- **Penny Sutcliffe**
  - Sudbury & District Health Unit (COMOH)

### 2012
- **Susan Kniha**
  - Algoma Public Health (ANDSOOHA)
- **Beth Pater**
  - Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington Board of Health (BOH Section)
- **Graham Pollett**
  - Middlesex-London Health Unit (COMOH)
- **Suzanne Ross**
  - Eastern Ontario Health Unit (AOPHBA)

### 2011
- **Ken Gorman**
  - Durham Region Health Department (ASPHIO)
- **Elizabeth Haugh**
  - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (ASPHIO)
- **William Ryding**
  - Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit (OAPHD)
- **Allison Stuart**
  - Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- **Don West**
  - Porcupine Health Unit (OAPHBA)
- **Dr. Robin Williams**
  - Niagara Region Public Health (COMOH)

### 2010
- **Neil Farrell**
  - Middlesex-London Health Unit (OAPHD)
- **Hazel Lynn**
  - Grey Bruce Health Unit (COMOH)
- **Valerie Sterling**
  - Toronto Board of Health (BOH Section)
- **Carol Timmings**
  - Toronto Public Health (ASPHIO)
- **Monika Turner**
  - Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

### 2009
- **Peter Delanty**
  - Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit
  - Board of Health
- **Pamela Scharfe**
  - Huron County Health Unit (ASPHIO)
- **Charlie Viddal**
  - Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
- **David C. Williams**
  - Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
2008
Maria Harding  Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
Garry Humphreys  Peterborough County City Health Unit (COMOH)
Klaus Seeger  retired from Oxford County Public Health (ASPHIO)
Mary Anne Simpson  Middlesex-London Health Unit (ANDSOOHA)

2007
Sheela Basrur  Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Gilbert Hebert  Porcupine Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dale Jackson  Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit (AOPHBA)
Jim Paton  retired from Grey Bruce Health Unit (ASPHIO)
Pete Sarsfield  Northwestern Health Unit (COMOH)

2006
Ron deBurger  Toronto Public Health (ASPHIO)
Larry O’Connor  Regional Municipality of Durham (BOH Section)
Donna Reynolds  Durham Region Health Department (COMOH)

2005
Marvin Caplan  City of Hamilton (BOH Section)
George Pasut  Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (COMOH)
Peter Willmott  Halton Region Health Department (ASPHIO)

2004
Jackie Boufford  Durham Region Health Department (AOPHBA)
Brian Hatton  retired from Region of Waterloo Public Health (ASPHIO)
Fred Ruf  Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

2003
Terry Delmore  Halton Region Health Department (APHEO)

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Evelyn Butler  Durham Region Health Department (ANDSOOHA)
Ingrid Parkes  Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)

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Lori Chow  Thunder Bay District Health Unit (HPOph)
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak  Durham Region Health Department (APHEO)

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Robin Bolton  Sudbury & District Health Unit (COMOH)
Brian Devitt  Durham Region Health Department (ASPHIO)
Sheryl Feagan  Huron County Health Unit (HPOph)

1999
John McGurran  Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario

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Shawn Fendley  Simcoe County District Health Unit (HPOph)
Patricia Main  North York Public Health Department (OAPHD)
Catherine Rand  Ontario Ministry of Health
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