

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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UPDATED BOARD OF HEALTH E-LEARNING MODULE

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 123-13 re Board of Health E-Learning Module be received for information.

Key Points

- An updated Board of Health E-Learning Module has been released by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. This online resource provides comprehensive orientation information for both new and experienced Board of Health members on Ontario's public health system, its functions and the governance roles and responsibilities of Board of Health members.

Background

On November 4, 2013, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care released an updated [Board of Health E-Learning Module](#). Similar to the first E-Learning Module, released in 2011, this online tool is a resource for both new and experienced Board of Health members. It provides information on the public health sector, specific governance roles and responsibilities under the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#), [Ontario Public Health Standards \(OPHS\)](#), and [Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards \(OS\)](#) that relate to the oversight and delivery of public health programs and services.


The E-Learning Module complements existing orientation resources from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) and health units, and can be found in the Public Health section of eHealth Ontario's website at: www.ehealthontario.ca

Contents

The E-Learning Module has five sections: (1) Introduction and Instructions, (2) Public Health: The Basics, (3) Public Health Legislation, (4) An Overview of the Ontario Public Health Standards and (5) An Overview of the Organizational Standards.

The Module also provides an aggregated list of additional resources, including (a) reports on a variety of public health sector topic (e.g., public health renewal, information and privacy, public health stakeholders, public health governance), (b) hyperlinks to associated Ontario acts and regulations, (c) an overview of key terms, and (d) further description of the Ontario Public Health Standards.

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