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Association of Local
PUBLIC HEALTH
Agencies

Annual Report 2022-2023

President & Executive Director Report Correspondence I

The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) is the collective voice of Ontario's local public health agencies. The Association continues to offer active and outstanding support to its members by providing Ontario's Boards of Health, Medical Officers of Health, and Affiliate organizations with a strong and unified voice on issues that affect local public health. Each of Ontario's 34 local Boards of Health is a current member in good standing, and this is essential for ALPHA's continued strength and unity.

Over the past year, ALPHA has continually profiled the importance of public health's upstream focus on prevention, communicated the key role local public health plays in communities, and reinforced the extraordinary value of the work carried out every day by Ontario's public health professionals. The common thread of public health's value was strong throughout ALPHA's work in 2022-2023, by highlighting the need for the full resumption of routine public health programs and services, in addition to ongoing duties related to the pandemic response.

Guided by its Strategic Plan, ALPHA has been active in creating submissions, reports, and other communication tools as a foundation for advocacy on behalf of its members for a stable, sustainable, resilient, and locally based public health system in Ontario. Highlights of ALPHA's work for 2022-2023 include:

- Creation of public policy submissions and advancement of ALPHA Resolutions on key public health issues. These were supported by the development of additional communication tools including Public Health Matters infographics and videos. Widely shared, these demonstrate the value and return on investment that local public health provides. These resources are useful for our members and in meetings with local councillors, MPPs, and other important stakeholders.
- Successfully launching the BOH Orientation Manual and BOH Governance Toolkit. These are complimented by the ever-growing BOH Shared Resources webpage that support the Board of Health members and are an excellent resource for all of ALPHA's members.
- Continuing to provide relevant and timely member-focused information to local public health agencies through e-mail, website, social media, and newsletters. *Information Break*, in particular, is a sharable resource that functions as a monthly portal to public health news, association activities, and events.

Effectively positioned ALPHA to be the voice of Ontario's public health system by holding more than 50 meetings of ALPHA's Board, BOH Section, COMOH Section, Affiliates, and their respective Executive Committees.

A major component of ALPHA's success in 2022-2023 has been based on relationships that ALPHA has built and nurtured over the years with key stakeholders and decision-makers. It is an extensive list that, to name a few, includes Ontario's Ministry of Health, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Ontario, Ontario Health, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ontario Medical Association. Forging these strong alliances supports the aims of public health and has ensured that ALPHA's Board of Directors, Boards of Health (BOH) Section, Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section and Affiliate members are the voice of local public health. In keeping with this, ALPHA members actively represented the local public health system at a variety of key public health tables and other important meetings. ALPHA was also pleased to co-host and present at The Ontario Public Health Convention 2023 (TOPHC), participate in panels at the AMO 2022 AGM/Conference, present at the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) 2023 AGM/Conference, participate in the Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance event at Queen's Park in February 2023, and many other external events.

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In 2022-2023, alPHa provided important opportunities for the collective voice of Ontario's public health system to assemble. alPHa continued to attract high-profile speakers to its symposiums, conferences, and events, which this past year included the 2023 Winter Symposium, a special conference for Executive and Administrative Assistants and two 'Road to Mental Readiness' workshops, for the COMOH Section in November 2022 and for the BOH Section and Affiliate members in February 2023. In addition, alPHa relaunched the Fitness Challenge in the month of May as the Workplace Health and Wellness Month and is dedicating additional resources to support the physical and mental health of our members.

alPHa's 2023 AGM, plenary sessions, and Section meetings are taking place in Toronto from June 12 to 14, 2023. These are the first in-person events in over three years. While the event is planned and hosted by alPHa, it couldn't be done without Toronto Public Health co-hosting and support from the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

The success of alPHa for 2022-2023 is built not only on the support of you, its members, it requires a dedicated and unified governance board, complemented by the tremendous work and services provided by alPHa staff. The alPHa Board continues to give the Association a uniquely qualified and unified leadership voice for Ontario's local public health system. alPHa is fortunate to have Board members who volunteer and are passionate about public health – thank you to each and everyone. alPHa recognizes and understands the challenges facing our members. Guided by its [Strategic Plan](#), alPHa will continue to work tirelessly leading with one, unified voice representing the public health system across its member constituents in its commitment to influence Ontario's decision-makers to ensure a robust local public health system with ample resources to protect the entire population's health.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported alPHa this past year. We are pleased to share this report with Ontario's public health leaders and look forward to continuing to work together to foster a stronger local public health system in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Trudy Sachowski
President



Loretta Ryan
Executive Director

The following financial information represents alPHa's audited statements as completed by Chaplin & Co. LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, for the year ended March 31, 2023. A complete audited report can be obtained from alPHa.

Allocation Report For the year ended March 31, 2023

Revenue

Membership fees, grants and sponsorships	\$ 501,990
Conferences	114,593
Project funding	39,284
Interest and other funding	13,053
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Expenses

Salaries and benefits	378,084
Conferences, meetings, and travel	17,662
Project expenses	44,894
Office and program expenses	79,012
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	\$149,368
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Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2023

Assets

Current	
Cash	\$126,863
Short-term investments	437,017
Accounts receivable	11,192
Prepaid expenses	4,691
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	581,843
Capital assets	2,080
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Liabilities

Current	
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	
Deferred revenue	\$ 26,182
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Net assets

	555,661
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	\$ 581,843
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Ontario's 34 public health units and their boards are active members of aPHa.

Algoma Public Health

Brant County Health Unit

Chatham-Kent Public Health

Durham Region Health Department

Eastern Ontario Health Unit

Grey Bruce Health Unit

Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Halton Region Health Department

City of Hamilton Public Health Services

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

Huron Perth Public Health

Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health

Lambton Public Health

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

Middlesex-London Health Unit

Niagara Region Public Health

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Northwestern Health Unit

Ottawa Public Health

Peel Public Health

Peterborough Public Health

Porcupine Health Unit

Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Renfrew County & District Health Unit

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Southwestern Public Health

Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Timiskaming Health Unit

Toronto Public Health

Region of Waterloo, Public Health

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

York Region Public Health

Members of the aPHa Board of Directors 2022-2023 Correspondence I

Executive Committee	
President/BOH Representative, North West Region	Trudy Sachowski
Vice President/ COMOH Representative, Central Region	Dr. Charles Gardner
Past President/COMOH, ex officio	Dr. Paul Roumeliotis
Treasurer/BOH Representative, East Region	Wess Garrod
COMOH Section Chair / COMOH Representative, Toronto	Dr. Eileen de Villa
BOH Section Chair/ BOH Representative, South West Region	Carmen McGregor
Affiliate Executive Representative/ AOPHBA	Cynthia St. John
Members at Large	
BOH Representative, Central West Region	Maureen Wilson
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BOH Representative, Central East Region	Bob Chapman
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COMOH Representative, Central West Region	Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang
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Affiliate Representative, ODPH	Carolyn Doris
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Thank you to Toronto Public Health for co-hosting and the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Temerty Faculty of Medicine for their generous support.



Our conference sponsors:



Gathering today, as members of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, we acknowledge the actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

In that spirit, we acknowledge that this meeting, the discussions, and decisions made here will take place on several traditional Indigenous territories across our province.

Today, this land is home to many diverse Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize their enduring presence.

We respectfully acknowledge each participant's traditional territory as we meet today. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live on this land.



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