

[Draft] Fw: Check out the alPHa Fall Symposium Highlights!

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**ATTENTION:**  
**All Board of Health Members**  
**All Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health**  
**All Senior Public Health Directors & Managers**



## alPHa Fall Symposium Highlights

Registration for the online [alPHa Symposium, Section Meetings, and Workshops](#), taking place November 6-8, closes on **Wednesday, October 30!**

This event will discuss a variety of issues of key importance to public health leaders and you won't want to miss out.

The Symposium program can be accessed [here](#) and the agenda for the BOH Section Meeting is available [here](#).

The first workshop, *Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Public Health*, is being held from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6. The draft agenda can be found [here](#). **As an important update, access to this workshop is through an individual and customized Zoom meeting link. Please note, you will need to have the passcode to access the workshop. This is a vital way to ensure all attendees have paid and are supporting alPHa in doing so.**

The second workshop, called *Working for a Future with Less Alcohol Harms in Ontario: Public Health's Role*, with the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, is being held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7.

**Registration is for alPHa members only** and the cost is \$399.00+HST.

**Here are the Symposium highlights!**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Health Video Showcase</b></p> <p>Log on early to get set up and check out the latest public health videos from across the province. Don't miss this opportunity to see what public health units are doing to communicate, reach out to, and engage their communities!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>alPHa Update</b></p> <p><b>Trudy Sachowski</b>, alPHa Chair, <b>René Lapierre</b>, Chair, BOH Section, <b>Dr. Lianne Catton</b>, Chair, COMOH Section, and <b>Cynthia St. John</b>, Affiliate Representative</p> <p>alPHa provides leadership to all of Ontario's 34 boards of health, medical officers and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers. As public health leaders, alPHa advises and lends expertise to members on the governance, administration, and management of health units. The Association also collaborates with governments and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective, and efficient public health system in the province. Through policy analysis, discussion, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHa's members and staff act to promote and support local public health. Come and hear the latest from alPHa's Chair, Section Chairs, and the Affiliate Representative on the alPHa Executive Committee on what your association is doing for its members.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Update from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health</b></p> <p><b>Liz Walker</b>, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health</p> <p>Liz Walker will give an update on key public health issues.</p>

#### Update from Public Health Ontario

**Michael Sherar**, President and Chief Executive Officer and staff

Michael Sherar and staff will give an update on the latest from Public Health Ontario.

#### Update on Public Health Workforce Burnout: A Canadian Cross-sectional Study

**Dr. Jessica Hopkins**, Vice President and Chief, Communicable Disease Control, Public Health Ontario

#### Results of engagement survey on public health recovery, renewal, and resilience building post pandemic

**Julia Roitenberg**, General Manager and Chief Nursing Officer at York Region Public Health

A rapid review of the literature was conducted to identify essential organizational imperatives for public health leaders to consider as they develop plans for public health recovery, renewal, and resilience-building following the emergency stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join us to explore public health leaders' perceptions of the importance of the themes that emerged from the literature, and their readiness to implement them.

#### Public Health Unit Mergers

**Miriam Klassen**, Medical Officer of Health and CEO, Huron Perth Public Health, **Peter McKenna**, Chair, Board of Health, Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, and **Amy Martin**, Chair, Board of Health, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

alPHA member representatives will talk about mergers, old and new, in this informative session.

#### So, What's Still Keeping You Up at Night? - Luncheon Speaker

Speakers: **Sabine Matheson** and **John Perenack**, Principals, Strategy Corp

The political landscape that local public health operates in is increasingly complex and volatile and leaders are challenged more than ever. The need to be prepared has never been greater. Come and hear the latest about what to expect regarding the public policy climate and key political issues impacting public health agencies and their local boards of health. Attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions in advance and at the symposium. Please send advance questions to [communications@alphaweb.org](mailto:communications@alphaweb.org) on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Section Meetings

*The 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.*

If you are attending the BOH Section meeting, here are some additional highlights.

#### Boards of Health Section Meeting

**November 8, 2024**

#### alPHA Update and Section Business

**René Lapierre**, Chair, BOH Section, Board of Directors, alPHA and  
**Loretta Ryan**, Chief Executive Officer, alPHA

#### Meet the BOH Section Executive Committee Members!

**Trudy Sachowski**, **René Lapierre**, **Abinaya Chandrabalan**, **Jim Erb**, **Bernia Martin**, **Elizabeth Roy**, and **Tammy DeGiovanni**

Come and hear from the BOH Executive Committee Members who are in attendance.

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#### Spokespersons – What to Do When the Microphone is in Front of You!

**Loretta Ryan**, Chief Executive Officer, alPHA

#### alPHA Legal Counsel Update for Boards of Health

**James LeNoury**, Legal Counsel, alPHA

#### Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Update

**Alicia Neufeld**, Senior Manager, Policy, and **Daniela Spagnuolo**, Policy Advisor, AMO

AMO works with Ontario's 444 municipalities to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Come and hear the latest from AMO with regards to public health issues, including homelessness, from a municipal perspective with a focus on their recent work.

This event is hosted by alPHA with generous support from:



