



Association of Public Health
Epidemiologists in Ontario

APHEO's Strategic Planning – alignment of goals within 'Today's climate'

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APHEO – the Beginning

- Begun in 1991
 - First website 1998
 - Fall 2001 –Core Indicators section
- Discussions about projects, sharing ideas
- Popular, informative members only APHEO listserve community
- Education sessions, workshops and annual conferences

APHEO - Today

- APHEO Executive members sit on alPHa, OPHA, OCCHA
- 180 members
- APHEO Website: updated to community-based wiki
- 3rd round of Strategic Planning
- Networking: SEA, CSEB and exploring PanCanadian Epi networks
- Provincial, national and international recognition through projects and consultations



Vision – *newly revised*

The excellent leadership and professional expertise of APHEO advances public health in Ontario.

Values – *newly revised*

As a professional organization APHEO believes in:

- Improving the health of the population
- Epidemiologists being integral to public health
- Supporting a participatory network of people with an interest in public health epidemiology
- High standards for the practice of public health epidemiology
- Demonstrating leadership
- Innovation



APHEO's Strategic Goals

1. Increase the capacity of APHEO to advance and promote epidemiology in the public health system
2. Promote professional opportunities for current and new public health Epidemiologists
3. Support and advance knowledge exchange among public health Epidemiologists



Strategic Goals...

1. Develop and enhance linkages across policy, practice, training and research
2. Build and promote tools and resources that support the practice of public health epidemiology

The new Foundational Standard

Evidence informed practice...

1. Population Health Assessment

- Measuring, monitoring and reporting

2. Surveillance

- Systematic & ongoing collection, collation & analysis...communicated

Foundational Standard...

1. Research and Knowledge Exchange
 - Collaborative problem-solving...mutual learning...through planning, producing, disseminating & applying existing or new research
2. Program Evaluation
 - Systematic gathering, analysis & reporting of data
 - Qualitative and quantitative

APHEO – OPHS Implementation Opportunities

- APHEO's projects and initiatives
 - Core Indicators – PHAC project
 - Support the standards and protocols
 - Operationalize what Epis do
- Skills set and volunteer base to collaborate with MoHLTC, MHP and the new OAHPP

Opportunities to Promote Public Health Practice – APHEO Perspective

- Increased access to various sources of data (e.g., perinatal surveillance data, Ministry of Transportation)
 - Innovation of how data is shared and analyzed
- Opportunities for new skill development (e.g, GIS mapping, qualitative data)
- Public Health as a resource to other community partners
 - data needs, standard use of epidemiological information

APHEO - Opportunities to Promote Public Health Practice

- Development of new Core Indicators
- Standard data collection & analysis methods, interpretation and dissemination strategies
- Workshops and educational opportunities to build skills and knowledge
- Skills enhancement modules
 - build knowledge across all PHU staff

Planning and working towards the Future

- Sustainable funding is required to achieve:
 - Ability to increase our profile, leadership and advocacy capacity
 - Professional development opportunities
 - Engagement in collaborations and projects with external partners
- Sustained Member engagement