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ATTENTION:

All Medical and Associate Medical Officers of Health
All Senior Public Health Managers/Directors
All Chairs and Members of Boards of Health

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Today's E-Updates are brought to you by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA). It appears regularly. Please feel free to circulate this message among your staff. Our apologies if you receive multiple copies.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING: BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
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Join us February 1 & 2 at this exciting, 2-day event for all members of alPHA. Held at the Novotel hotel in downtown Toronto, the conference will feature concurrent sessions on Day One, including an orientation session for board of health members and a syndromic surveillance workshop in the morning. In the afternoon, business meetings for COMOH (mohs) and the Board of Health Section will be held. A late afternoon/early evening reception for all attendees will allow everyone to meet and mingle in an informal setting.

Day Two will consist of a workshop on the Built Environment which will examine public health's role in building healthy communities. Keynote speaker Jim Dunn will show us why this issue is important and set the stage for the rest of the day's panel discussions. These expert panels will provide a historical perspective on the built environment, examine current developments and finally, explore the future role public health may play in building healthy communities.

10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH CARE
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The Ontario government is engaging the public, including public health stakeholders, in a consultation process to help shape its 10-year strategic plan for the health care system. The province is asking for views on people's health system concerns and priorities, and how the government can address these needs in the coming decade. The plan is mandated by the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006, and is scheduled for release in Spring 2007. Included in
the plan will be 3-, 5- and 10-year goals that "will drive health system improvement and guide system investment decisions at both the local and provincial levels."

alPHA attended a recent meeting introducing the Plan. Over 490 interested parties attended, many from the health and social services sectors, and heard that the general public identified health promotion as the number one priority for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, followed by the second priority of better access to physician care.
http://www.ourplanforhealth.ca

NEWSLETTER
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The Winter 2007 edition of alPHA's quarterly newsletter, is now available online. Click on the link below to view the newsletter. The next issue will be published April 15. If your health unit would like to make a submission, please contact Susan Lee (416-595-0006 ext. 25 or susan@alphaweb.org). The deadline to submit is one month prior to publication.
http://www.alphaweb.org/docs/lib_009293256.pdf

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE
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Visit the Online Library on alPHA's web site (http://www.alphaweb.org/library.asp) to view recent letters to government and their replies (see links below). To view past correspondences, search the Document Type menu by selecting the "Letters" option.

COMOH Letter regarding Drinking Water Fluoridation
Letter to Boards of Health regarding Exempted Food Premises Protocol
COMOH Letter and Resolution on Unpasteurized Milk
Letter to Minister of Health regarding Diabetes Resolution
Letter regarding 2006 Health Unit Budgets
Letter regarding alPHA's Cancer Prevention-related Resolutions

BOH ORIENTATION
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alPHA is presently updating its Orientation Manual for New Board of Health Members. The 2007 version will be released at the Association's orientation session for board of health members on February 1 during our semi-annual meeting in Toronto. A copy of the updated manual will be available on our Web site after the conference. Look for an upcoming announcement on further details.

RESOLUTIONS
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Did your Board of Health sponsor a resolution at the June conference? Track the latest activities on these and other resolutions using alPHA's Web site. We update the resolutions page frequently, so check back often.
http://www.alphaweb.org/resolutions.asp

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