

Ontario Branch News

Release of the CIPHI Competency Statements and Professional Development Model

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This year marked the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) National Conference, in the beautiful and pristine village of Kananaskis, Alberta. It also marked, after 5 years of discussions, debates and several drafts, the “soft release” of the “**Competencies for Ongoing Development – Version 1.0**” and the “**Professional Development Model – Version 1.0**” documents.

This was an historic and monumental moment in CIPHI’s 96 year history for many reasons. Firstly, it will ensure individuals who are practicing in the profession are qualified, competent and ethical practitioners. Secondly, it will ensure the standards for maintaining the CPHI (C) are being met by all practicing Environmental Public Health Professionals (EPHP’s) following certification.

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The CIPHI-OB membership was well-represented at Kananaskis this year

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Message from the Editor

It has been a busy and exciting few months for your CIPHI (Ontario Branch) Executive. Spring is a traditional time for renewal and growth, and we have taken that to heart this year.



Much of the networking and relationship building that has been done in the past year or so is starting to bear fruit. CIPHI (Ontario Branch) has received a number of requests from the Ministry and other Public Health stakeholders to participate in a variety of working groups and planning sessions. As the Ontario Branch Executive are your representatives in these projects, our participation means the voices of PHI's will be heard. Which means the OB Executive needs to hear YOUR voices. The more members we have who actively participate in committees and projects coordinated by CIPHI, the stronger we are and the more resources we have to contribute to planning at the policy making level.

A lot of initiatives are afoot at the National level as well. The Continuing Professional Competency project has been launched, which is being supported by the Ontario Branch with the launch of our Continuing Education Series. Peter Heywood has provided a full update on both in this issue of the OBN.

With an informed and active membership – whether that is by volunteering to help with a committee, or simply by keeping yourself informed about the various initiatives underway in the world of Public Health – CIPHI becomes stronger and more credible as THE representative of PHI's in the province of Ontario.

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Document Release

These standards contain three main components:

- A set of competencies to serve as a basis for self-assessment
- A professional development model to guide continued learning and uphold certification
- A Code of Ethics to identify essential professionalism for all CPHI (C) holders

To support the CIPHI Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) project, two Notices of Motion were presented to the membership, and passed unanimously. The first Notice of Motion called for the creation of a Board of Practice which will be known as the Council of Professional Experience (CoPE). CoPE will ensure that EPHPs meet and maintain standards of professional competency and practice across Canada. The second Notice of Motion ties Regular Membership with the CIPHI CPC Project of the CoPE.

This means those who hold a regular membership with the CIPHI will be required to participate in the CPC Project of the CoPE of the CIPHI. Employers are encouraged to make this a minimum employment qualification requirement in their Environmental Public Health Professional job descriptions.

The official release date of the “Competencies for Ongoing Development – Version 1.0” and the “Professional Development Model - Version 1.0” documents is scheduled for August 2009. A survey will be circulated in June via the National Listserv asking people for their feedback on the draft documents. The Ontario Branch Executive Council (OBEC) will also be presenting and distributing copies of these documents during the Ontario Branch Educational Conference in London on October 4- 7, 2009.

The stimulus that has driven the CIPHI Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) project is the logistical and financial partnership of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the commitment and support of EPHPs across Canada who participated in this project. CIPHI, PHAC and EPHPs entered into a strategic alliance to deliver a joint project of common interest and importance. This partnership was of mutual benefit to all stakeholders involved, and one that could not be realized by CIPHI alone. Through this project we can demonstrate what makes the Environmental Public Health practice unique among EPHPs and build a consensus for the continued development of ourselves and our profession.



2010 Educational Conference— a Provincial Planning Committee is Being Formed

Although our 2009 Educational Conference has yet to happen, planning is now underway for our 2010 conference. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, there will not be a designated host health unit for next years conference.

This means the planning of the conference has fallen to our Ontario Branch Executive. For those of you who have participated in conference planning in the past, you know how much work it can be.

The Executive is putting together a team to plan next years' conference, and we are asking for your help. The more people who volunteer to help in this project, the lighter the job will be for all who participate. If you are interested in helping us make the 2010 CIPHI Educational Conference the success we have become accustomed to, please contact Peter Heywood at pheywood@county.oxford.on.ca



A Rose, By Any Other Name.....

In this edition of the Ontario Branch News you will see a new term – Environmental Public Health Professional, or EPHP (yes – a new acronym to remember....) During the development of the Continuing Professional Competency project there was an in-depth discussion regarding the preferred label for persons working in the field/science/profession of Environmental Public Health. Various different working titles are in use across Canada (e.g. Public Health Inspector and Environmental Health Officer). The CIPHI National Executive Committee coined the term “Environmental Public Health Professional” during its five year strategic planning session to be consistent with U.S. initiatives, and to make the subtle distinction between human health protection work conducted by health agencies and the ecological protection and pollution prevention work conducted by environmental agencies.

This term is appearing in some of the planning documents now being released by CIPHI at both the National and Provincial levels. You will be seeing more of it in future articles and documents, but the term PHI will still be around for some time yet.

*Sandy Stevens
Editor*

The State of the Profession—Environmental Public Health Week

Environmental Public Health Week was held this year from January 18-24, 2009. The theme was the “State of the Profession”, which enabled participating health units to promote themselves as an important community resource as well as demonstrating the advantages of this profession to prospective students. Participating health units reported their efforts were well received, however a number suggested that more effort next year to promote EPHW to our local communities, rather than within the health unit, would be worthwhile.

This is the first year that we did not mail out an EPHW survey. Instead we used an electronic survey format. From 36 health units we had only 22 responses. We received several complaints that emailed information is not being passed along to the appropriate PHI staff who would act on the message or information request.

To correct this problem we are creating a list of volunteer contacts (one person from every health unit) to whom we can forward information. This contact would in turn forward the e-mail to all PHI staff in the office as well as any satellite offices. As the contact we would **only** forward information that is relevant to the Health Unit itself, such as details regarding the planning and support available for next year’s EPHW. This is not a duplication of the CIPHI Listserv, nor does it mean you are obligated to follow through with the request (although that would be great if you did!) If you are interested in volunteering to be the health unit email contact, please forward your name to the Health Promotion and Professional Development mailbox at healthpr@ciphi.on.ca

Themes for the 2010 Environmental Public Health Week are also being accepted. Any ideas may also be sent to the same email address.

Thanks for all the help and great ideas from all who participated in the 2009 Environmental Public Health Week.

John Cannan

Health Promotion and Professional Development

LAUNCH OF THE CIPHI (Ontario Branch) CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES

*Peter Heywood,
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The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) (Ontario Branch) Executive Council has developed a Continuing Education Series for Environmental Public Health Professionals (EPHP) in Ontario (i.e. Public Health Inspectors, Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors and those holding the CPHI (C) credential but who work in other professional capacities).

Background

On September 26, 2005 a resolution was passed at the CIPHI Annual General Meeting in Toronto to implement a system of professionalism for CIPHI that would require a form of continuing education for EPHPs.

To bring this goal to realization the CIPHI (Ontario Branch) proposed developing a Continuing Education Series for EPHPs that would recognize changes in practice, reflect new evidence-based information, optimize personal effectiveness and introduce EPHPs to new equipment or materials that have become available.

To maintain high standards for our practice it was determined that EPHPs must continue to learn and upgrade their skills. Therefore it was the purpose of the project to deliver continuing education opportunities for EPHPs.

Needs Assessment

To determine the professional development requirements of EPHPs a needs assessment questionnaire was developed and circulated via an e-survey through the Ontario Branch Listserv. One hundred and ninety-six (196) people responded to the survey and 97% of the respondents overwhelmingly agreed that continuing education for EPHPs was important to maintaining their professional competencies. A full report summarizing the needs assessment results will be available during the summer of 2009.

The Goal of the Continuing Education Series

To maintain and encourage competency development and sustain ongoing professional interest through continuing education amongst certified EPHPs.

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The Objectives of the Continuing Education Series

1. To act as a professional development conduit for EPHPs by facilitating continuing education sessions across Ontario.
2. To develop and foster relationships with partners that offer professional development courses for EPHPs and/or plan or deliver Environmental Health programs.
3. To fashion a framework that can easily be amalgamated with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Continuing Professional Competencies project and Professional Development Model.

Strategic Alignment

To support the plan to implement a structure of professionalism for CIPHI that would provide for a system that requires a reasonable level of ongoing educational credits in the field of public health inspection/environmental health for the maintenance of CPHI (C) certification.

Launching of the Continuing Education Series

The CIPHI (Ontario Branch) Continuing Education Series was successfully launched in the spring of 2009, with sessions strategically located across Ontario. It was encouraging to see many health units and professional stakeholders were interested in partnering with CIPHI (Ontario Branch.) in this activity. Table 1 is a list of continuing education events that have been arranged to date. A huge thank you goes to our partners and volunteers who help makes these events possible.

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Table 1: Continuing Education Events

Session	Host	Partners	Facilitator
Project Management – Ensuring Project Success March 26, 2009	Hamilton Public Health	Business Improvement Architects	Michael Stanleigh
Small Drinking Water Systems – Applying the Risk Categorization Tool April 16, 2009	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health	Ministry of Health and Long Term Care National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health	CIPHI (ON Br.) Healthy Environments Committee
Pool and Spa Core Water Chemistry 2 Day Workshop	Sudbury & District Public Health	Lowry & Associates	Michael Lowry
Pool and Spa Water Chemistry – PHI Refresher Workshop May 27, 2009	Peel Public Health	Lowry & Associates	Michael Lowry
PSS June 11, 2009	Halton Public Health		CIPHI (ON Br.) CD Committee

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Continuing Education Series...

What's in Store for the Future?

More events are plan for Fall/Winter 2009/10 and discussions are currently underway with several professional organizations who are interested in partnering with the CIPHI (Ontario Branch) on this important activity. A special thank you to John Cannan, Ken Diplock, Cathy Egan, Lucie Imbiscuso, Crystal Palleschi, Linda Passerini and Rosemary Rodrigues, who helped develop and launch the CIPHI (Ontario Branch) Continuing Education Series for Environmental Public Health Professionals.

Continuing professional education begins at the point when formal education ends and professional practice starts. By maintaining their professional competencies EPHPs brings credibility to the environmental public health profession and promote continuous learning. Your participation will ensure the ongoing success of this program, and contribute to the growth of our profession.

Food Safety Volunteer Opportunity

Cynthia Rocca, the OB Executive member handling the Food Safety portfolio, is looking for one or two dedicated public health inspectors to represent CIPHI (ON) on two committees. They are:

Guelph Food Safety Seminar Series (GFSSS)

The GFSSS is a partnership in agri-food safety

Teleconferences will be held periodically in preparation for the October 22nd, 2009 symposium to be held in Guelph.

Responsibilities would include:

- Attending teleconferences and assisting where possible by representing CIPHI and public health
- Assisting with the October 22nd, 2009 symposium. Any expenses incurred to support this symposium would be covered by CIPHI.

Inter-agency Council on Food Safety (ICFS)

This group meets in October and December to facilitate timely inter-agency communication on issues relating to its mandate. This is an excellent venue to share information of importance relating to PHIs.

Responsibilities would include:

- Attending in person to the two meetings. Meetings typically held in the Toronto area. Any travel expenses to attend these meetings would be covered by CIPHI.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact Cindy Rocca at 705-522-9200 ext. 279, or via email at roccac@sdhu.com

WWW.CIPHI.ON.CA

We have all complained about our website at one time or another (I know I have!), so I'm pleased to announce that a major renewal of our Ontario Branch website is underway.



CIPHI (Ontario Branch) has contracted with Mindspin Studio Inc. to develop a whole new look and website for us. Research and planning have begun to identify what we need on our new website to be most effective as the professional organization for EPHP's in Ontario.

As you have read elsewhere in the OBN we want to hear from our members on this subject too. (Are you noticing a theme here?) If there is anything you have ever wanted to see on our website, please email me at communications@ciphi.on.ca with your suggestions or ideas.

This is our chance to create a functional, professional and informative presence on the world-wide web. Now's your chance to tell us what you want!

*Sandy Stevens
Editor*



Annual Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for Awards to be presented at the Ontario Branch Educational Conference this October.

Please go to the Branch Business page at www.ciphi.on.ca for further details of the awards available and nomination forms.

Any questions can be directed to John Cannan at healthpr@ciphi.on.ca



Linking Hygiene to Health

Stanier Institute

Stanier Institute Opinion Paper Project

The Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier with support of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (www.ciphi.ca) invites practicing certified Public Health Inspectors to submit a feature opinion paper – in English or French – comprising ideas and suggestions that address any issue applied to the present day activities of Public Health Inspectors.

Who Can Enter?

The invitation is directed to Certified Public Health Inspectors across Canada who are members in good standing of CIPHI.

Award

The Stanier Institute will provide a \$1000 award (Stanier Prize) for the opinion paper assessed to be the most interesting and original submission.

Details

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2006 – Warren Boychuk, (2007) Urgency for Environmental Public Health Intervention in Disasters. *Environmental Health Review* **51**(3): 94-96

2005 – Allan Stirling (2006) Faecal and Nutrient Pollution of Sensitive Lakes and Watershed in Ontario Originating from On-line Residential Sewage Systems: A Model for Environmental Health Evaluation. *Environmental Health Review* **50**(1): 5-9

2004 – Adam Grant (2005) Trust and Credibility: The New Currency of Public Health. *Environmental Health Review* **49**(4): 131-134

2003 – Shawna Bourne (2003) Strengthening the weakest link in food safety *Can J Infect Dis* **14**(4): 190-191

Objectives and Address

The Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier is a scientifically-minded group committed to development of the public health sciences. The aim is to provide ways and means to advance education and research in these disciplines. Those preparing to submit an essay should inform the Institute ASAP at the given address where further information may be obtained. A note will be sent to acknowledge all submissions upon receipt.

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