Ontario Public Health Association Report for the ANDSOOHA AGM September 30, 2015

The Ontario Public Health Association has undertaken a number of activities over the past year to provider greater support and value to members. These activities including updating the OPHA website to provide more information and a members only section, re-introducing a joint membership with the Canadian Public Health Association, in some categories decreasing membership costs including constituent society fees, increasing advocacy activities and providing members with updates on these activities in regular newsletters, In addition, members only webinars have been held to provide updates from the OPHA President Larry Stinton and OPHA Executive Director Pegeen Walsh. These webinars have provided members with timely updates on current advocacy activities, meetings with Ministry and other officials as well as updates on the OPHA working group activities. Work is continuing on the development of a public health specific leadership center and supports for students and new professionals interested in careers in public health. Educational events were numerous during the year including Lean Green Belt training, advocacy training for Board and working group members and Nutrition Resource Center workshops.

OPHA will be holding their annual Fall Forum on October 29. The title of the forum is “A Strong Voice: Enhance Advocacy, Shift Policy, Impact Society”. The conference addresses how public health can be a strong voice for healthy public policy, more effectively engage the wider society and build support for public health issues. Registration is open at [www.opha.on.ca](http://www.opha.on.ca).

Respectfully Submitted,

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