**Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders formerly ANDSOOHA**

aLPHa Board of Directors Report 2014/15

As a member of aLPHa’s board the Association is provided with many opportunities to gain insight and provide influence in many areas of areas and significance in public health. “The municipal election provided an opportunity for alPHa to promote the role of boards of health and public health units to all municipal candidates and to those who were ultimately elected. We were pleased to offer new and returning board of health members an orientations session in February and to release aboard of health governance tool kit as a resource for our member public health agencies. The provincial election brought opportunities to meet and discuss public health priorities with new players at the provincial level. alPHa’s Board of Directors met with the Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Health Promotion Division, the Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health and the newly appointed Public Health Ontario President and CEO. alPHa staff developed relationships with new staff in the offices of the Minister and Associate Minister of Health and Long Term Care.” (2014/15 aLPHa annual report)

The association actively contributed to positions on many public health issues provided to the government. (i.e. two-dose Human Papilloma Virus vaccine, low-income dental programs integration, and evidence-based requirements for Ebola response; also advocated to senior government officials on the sale of beer in Ontario supermarkets and reducing youth exposure to tobacco in films.)

Please see the published annual report for aLPHa 2014/15 that was presented at the Annual General Meeting in Ottawa in June, 2015 for more details .

<http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.alphaweb.org/resource/resmgr/Annual_Reports/2014-15_annual_report_WEB_Ju.pdf>

A big thank you to ANDSOOHA for the nomination for the Distinguished Service award that I was honoured to receive at aLPHa’s annual general meeting this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President