

**Standards Modernization
Practice and Evidence Program Standards
Advisory Committee
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Highlights #1**



Health system transformation is underway in Ontario, with a focus on access, quality and value for money. The foundation for an accountable, transparent, integrated, and evidence-informed system that provides the right care at the right time in the right place and promotes healthy living has been established through Action Plan for Health Care, 2012. The person-centred framework established in the Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care, 2015 aims to: provide faster access to the right care; deliver better coordinated and integrated care in the community, closer to home, provide the education, information and transparency people need to make the right decisions about their health, and protect the universal public health care system by making decisions based on value and quality.

Public health has a key role to play in achieving the aims of the person-centred framework for strategic action. As part of the broader health system transformation efforts underway in Ontario, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has embarked on a process to modernize the 2008 Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and the 2011 Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (Organizational Standards) (“Standards Modernization”). The Standards Modernization process will provide the opportunity to review and clearly define public health’s role and contributions within the broader health system transformation process. The OPHS Modernization placemat is included in Appendix A.

An Executive Steering Committee for the Standards Modernization (the “ESC”), which reports to the MOHLTC, has been established to provide overall strategic leadership and guidance on the review of the Standards Modernization with a goal to strengthen and enhance accountability and transparency within the public health system.

Practice and Evidence Program Standards Advisory Committee (PEPSAC):

The PEPSAC has been established to recommend a set of program standards that are informed by evidence and best practice.

The PEPSAC is chaired by **Dr. David Williams**, Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario. Members of the Committee include:

Mr. John Barbaro
Epidemiologist,
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
(APHEO nominee)

Ms. Maureen Cava
Manager Professional Development &
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Director, Environmental Health, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (ASPHIO nominee)

Dr. Paula Stewart

Medical Officer of Health, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (COMOH nominee)

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe

Medical Officer of Health, Sudbury & District Health Unit (Health Equity and Population Health Policy representative)

Ms. Emma Tucker

Manager and Senior Epidemiologist, Halton Region Public Health (APHEO nominee)

Update

At its first meeting on January 18, 2016, members discussed the Committee's Terms of Reference and relationships to ESC and the various committees to be struck as part of the Standards Modernization process. Members spent time discussing the current OPHS and thoughts about opportunities for modernization. Members recognized the use of the core functions and the principles of the OPHS. The PEPSAC discussed the discussion paper Patient's First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario and linkages to the Standards Modernization process. The PEPSAC met again on March 21, 2016 and May 9, 2016. In March, the PEPSAC had a detailed discussion on the Foundational Standard, taking into consideration ESC's comments regarding approaches to revise the OPHS to ensure greater emphasis on population health assessment to inform planning of programs and services. In May, the PEPSAC continued the discussion on the Foundational Standard. The PEPSAC agreed that further work and discussions are required on the Foundational Standard, which will continue in future meetings. The PEPSAC also began a preliminary review of the Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Program Standard and discussed next steps for continuing the review of each of the Program Standards.

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APPENDIX A: ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS MODERNIZATION

