



PHABC NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Happy New Year!

2011 Conference Report
“The Ottawa Charter for
Health Promotion: Critical
Engagement from a Health
Equity Perspective”

2012 Board of Directors

Health Care System
Forum

Other useful resources
on Public Health

2011 PHABC Conference- Report

On November 28th and 29th, 2011 the Public Health Association of BC hosted a Conference and AGM at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel in Richmond, BC. The conference, entitled: ‘The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion - Critical Engagement from a Health Equity Perspective’ acknowledged the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Ottawa Charter. Presenters and participants were encouraged to think critically about the Ottawa Charter, reflecting upon the Charter’s positive contributions to guiding health promotion work, as well as and identifying considerations for future work in the field. Content in the conference was framed around the five key action areas defined by the Ottawa Charter:

- Building healthy public policy
- Creating supportive environments
- Strengthening community action
- Developing personal skills
- Reorienting health services

[To view the full report](#)

PHABC Awards

PHABC is very pleased to announce the names of the recipients of this year’s awards:

President’s Award – Brian O’Connor
Award of Merit – BC Healthy Living Alliance
Phyllis M. Baird Memorial Award-

Sooke BC nurses:

Mary Dunn,

Kirsten Hull and

Donna Warrender

Sharon Martin Community Development Award- Cindy Anderson

Congratulations to all of them. We are proud of their work and effort in Public Health.

[2012 PHABC Awards](#)

Committee positions available for PHABC Members

If you would like to participate in any of the working committees please don’t hesitate to contact staff@phabc.org. We have open positions on the following committees: Membership, Governance, Capacity Building, and Policy, Advocacy, Research and Communications (PARC); we need your support and commitment.

2012 Board of Directors

Here is the list of volunteers that will participate in this year’s Board of Directors:

President – Marjorie MacDonald

Past President – Ted Bruce

Vice President – Julie Kerr

Secretary – Irv Rootman

Treasurer – Ron Van Halen

Directors at Large: Paola Ardiles, Lex Baas, Judith Burgess, Sharon Davalovsky, John Millar, Megan Misovic, Jalil Safaei, Shannon Turner and Peter Vlahos.

Welcome to new and returning members and thank you for your support!

Health Care System - Health Ministers meet in Victoria, BC to talk about this topic

Premiers arrived in Victoria for several days of meetings that saw them hash over a response to Ottawa's announcement on health-care funding, which has left many Premiers east of Manitoba seething, and the western ones celebrating the prospect of the federal government finally getting out of the way.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark, who has been positive about the federal government's move last month to tie health-care transfers to expansion of the economy after 2017, said Flaherty's decision to deliver the money on a per-capita basis will unfairly penalize B.C. with its aging population.

The premiers and territorial leaders head into meetings that were originally intended to discuss new ways of doing things in the health-care sector.

[To view full article.](#)

At the 2014 Health-Care Accord Roundtable Kimberlyn McGrail from the UBC Centre of Health Services and Policy Research presented "[Is the Canadian Health Care System Sustainable](#)".

At the same roundtable, another presentation took place titled "[Fulfilling the Promises of the Current Accords -- What's Possible?](#)"

John Millar, PHABC Board member presented at this same forum a document on "[Sustainability of the Health Care System](#)"

Renew your PHABC membership

This is a reminder to those members whose membership has expired or will expire soon to visit the link below to renew online:

[Membership renewal](#)

Your membership is your key to all of the wonderful events we are planning for 2012.

It is important that after renewing your membership you sign up for an account if you haven't done so already.

If you have any questions or concerns about your account please contact: staff@phabc.org

Social Determinants of Health

Here is an excellent video on the social determinants of health put together by the Chatham Health Department.

[Chatham-Kent Social Determinants of Health](#)

CPHA's Public Health KnowledgeCentre

Over the last two years, CPHA has been developing the KnowledgeCentre to advance public health research, policy and practice in Canada. Now here is an invitation to take advantage of your free KnowledgeCentre subscription as a benefit of your CPHA membership

For more information visit:

[CPHA's Public Health KnowledgeCentre](#)

Mindcheck.ca now a Provincial Resource

Mindcheck.ca, is a youth and young adult-focused interactive website where visitors can check out how they're

feeling and get online support early and quickly.

Support includes education, self-help tools, website links, and assistance in connecting to local professional resources.

Recommendations are reflective of results generated by easy-to-use screening tools. Families and friends, and professionals who work with young adults can also visit the site to find support. For more information: mindcheck.ca

An Invitation to Celebrate Healthy Schools Day in Canada!

You, your school, school board, or your group, are invited to join in the fourth annual Healthy Schools Day in Canada on April 24, 2012. For more information visit: [Healthy School Day](#)