



PHABC NEWSLETTER

September 2012

2012 Call for Nominations

September 14-28

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It is the time of the year when PHABC holds a call for nominations and elections. This year we have 6 Directors-at-large positions available for members to take over.

The Call for Nominations is attached with instructions about how to complete the application form. Note that the statements about why you wish to serve on the Board and the summary of your public health experience will be used in the information package sent to all voting members during the Election. These statements will tell the electors who you are.

The Call for Nominations closes on September 28, 2012. All nominations must be posted by 5 pm on that date. E-mail applications are encouraged. A member of the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors will contact each candidate to answer any questions. A slate of candidates will be prepared and the Election process will commence on October 12 and close on November 2, 2012.

The results will be announced on November 2012 during the AGM at the PHABC Conference in and will be posted on the PHABC website.

I look forward to receiving the nominations for all the positions.

Sincerely,

Shannon Turner
Chair
PHABC Governance Committee

PHABC Conference- November 22 & 23, 2012 “Reorienting Health Services: Aligning Primary Health Care and Public Health in Pursuit of Health for All”

Registration is now open, register by October 3rd to take advantage of the early bird pricing! Registration can be completed online at www.phabc.org

November 22 & 23, 2012 at the [Hilton Metrotown](#) (Burnaby, BC), please spread the word among colleagues and friends.

Keynote speakers include: Dr. John Millar, Dr. Marjorie MacDonald, Arlene Paton, Nicola Manning, Dr. Allan Best, Cathy Ulrich, Jim Thorsteinson, Kelly McQuillen and Steven Lewis.

Special rates for PHABC members, if your membership is about to expire please visit [membership renewal](#)

Community event complimenting our 2012 PHABC Conference

We are proud to announce a community event complimenting our 2012 PHABC Conference “Reorienting Health Services: Aligning Primary Health Care and Public Health in Pursuit of Health for All”. “New Visions of Health Care: Integrating Primary and Public Health in Aboriginal Communities” is a community event lead by the Aboriginal Health Department, Vancouver Coastal Health in partnership with the PHABC.

This event will be on Thursday November 22nd from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Vancouver Public Library. This event gives the community an opportunity to learn and share their thoughts about current research and practice shaping health care specifically around integrating primary and public health care in the context of Aboriginal communities. Please join us in contributing to a knowledge exchange where innovative models can meet local needs, everyone is welcome!

Pre- CPHA Conference Workshop on the Future of Health Promotion in Canada

PHABC was one of the co-sponsors of a workshop on the “Future of Health Promotion in Canada” which took place on June 11 in Edmonton one day prior to the CPHA Annual Conference. Other co-sponsors were the Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Scholars Press, BC Centre of Excellence for Women’s Health, and the Laval University Faculty of Nursing.

The objectives of the workshop were to: review and discuss Background Paper on Future of Health Promotion in Canada; identify ways to strengthen health promotion in Canada; generate personal commitment to strengthening health promotion in Canada; and determine next steps.

More than 40 people in public health from across Canada participated in the workshop and critically discussed a SWOT Analysis which was part of the Background paper prepared prior to the workshop by the workshop organizers (Charlene King, Irving Rootman, Sophie Dupéré, Ann Pederson., and Michel O’Neill).

The workshop participants suggested additional Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats for health promotion in Canada as well as challenged and refined some of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats mentioned in the Background Paper.

In addition, two scenarios for health promotion in Canada described in the Background paper, one pessimistic and the other optimistic were

considered and suggestions were made regarding how to strengthen the field of health promotion in Canada and made individual and collective commitments to implement some of these suggestions.

Immediately following the workshop, the third edition of *Health Promotion in Canada* was released by the editors (Irving Rootman, Sophie Dupéré, Ann Pederson., and Michel O’Neill). The book, which contains chapters and sections by numerous authors from British Columbia and focuses on the practice of health promotion in Canada with many examples of “best” or “promising” practices, is available through the publisher (Canadian Scholars Press).

A report on the workshop is currently being prepared by the workshop organizers and should be available soon. For more information, contact irootman@telus.net.

Regulation of Psychoactive Substances: Letter to Prime Minister Harper

On April 2012, Marjorie MacDonald, president of PHABC wrote a letter to Prime Minister Harper regarding PHABC’s position towards the regulation of psychoactive substances.

[To read the letter](#)

Bill C-305 - National Transit Strategy – Letter of Support

PHABC has sent a letter of support to Victoria’s MP Denise Savoie regarding the need for the federal government to invest in the future of our cities through the National Public Transit Strategy Act.

[To view the full letter](#)

Florida International University School of Public Health

Has been putting on (for two years in a row) a continuing education program based on the PBS Unnatural Causes program: http://www.pbs.org/unnaturalcauses/about_the_series.htm

This is a 4-hour series that investigates the stories and findings that are shaking up conventional notions about what makes us healthy or sick.

Multiple crises and global health: New and necessary frontiers of health politics

Ted Schrecker, Clinical Scientist - Institut de recherche Bruyère Research Institute -Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Ottawa - Principal Scientist, Institute of Population Health, and University of Ottawa.

[Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research](#), Policy and Practice - Volume 7, Issue 6, 2012

The Public Health Agency of Canada

Has recently released a short document on "[Reducing Health Inequalities.](#)" The report is available for downloading.

10 Promising Practices to reduce social inequities in health: What does the evidence tell us?

As part of a 2009 Canadian Health Services Research Foundation Fellowship (Executive Training in Research Application – EXTRA), the Sudbury & District Health Unit conducted a review and analysis of the literature for practices to reduce social inequities in health. We are pleased to announce the development of a series of related [fact sheets](#).

CFP: Population Health Intervention Research

Preventive Medicine in collaboration with Guest Editors **Mark Petticrew**, PhD, Professor, Department of Social Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, **and Louise Potvin**, PhD, Professor, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Université de Montréal, Scientific Director, Centre

Léa-Roback sur les inégalités sociales de santé de Montréal, invite researchers to submit papers on population health intervention research for a themed section of the journal.

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