

# **MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE UPDATE**

**PRESENTATION TO:**

**ONTARIO HEART HEALTH  
NETWORK MEETING  
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# OVERVIEW

- New priorities & initiatives for public health
- Emerging priorities for public health
- Ontario Heart Health Program Updates
- Questions?

# NEW PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES FOR PHD

(list is not comprehensive)

- Ontario Tobacco Strategy (OTS)
- Nutrition/Physical Activity – Healthy Weights
- 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report of The Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell: Agency Implementation Task Force & Capacity Review Capacity
- Organizational Transformation – PHD

# THE ONTARIO TOBACCO STRATEGY

- Tobacco control is a priority of this government; working to strengthen the OTS
- On Dec 15, 2004, Bill 164 was introduced:
  - amends the Tobacco Control Act and repeals the Smoking in the Workplace Act
- Known as “Smoke Free Ontario Act”, this legislation will protect people from second-hand smoke through a smoking ban in all enclosed workplaces and public places which are not primarily a place of residence as of May 31, 2006
- The proposed Act will strengthen existing restrictions on tobacco sales to minors
- It will also ban all countertop displays at retail outlets and prohibit the promotion of tobacco products at entertainment venues

## **CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (CMOH) REPORT: HEALTHY WEIGHTS, HEALTHY LIVES**

- The first report was issued in November 2004
- Encouraged all Ontarians to get active and stay fit
- Called on all levels of government, as well as schools, families and individuals to take action on all the factors in our society that contribute to unhealthy weight
- The report focuses on children and young people

## CMOH REPORT: *(Continued)*

### Recommendations for the Ontario Government include:

- Developing an innovative, comprehensive, multi-sectoral plan, led by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and involving other Ministries
- Developing policies and programs that promote healthy eating including:
  - Exploring policy options to control food advertising that is targeted at children

## CMOH REPORT: *(Continued)*

- Developing policies and programs that promote physical activity, such as:
  - Supporting the ACTIVE 2010 Physical Activity and Amateur Sports Plan developed by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation
  - Supporting public transportation and infrastructure to encourage safe, active transportation options, including bicycle lanes and sidewalks
- Partnering with the private sector to highlight successful private sector initiatives to promote healthy eating and regular physical activity

# ONTARIO HEALTH PROTECTION Capacity Review Committee (CRC)

- **The CRC committee has been established to review and make recommendations for:**
  - improved governance, structure and funding;
  - accountability of the public health system, including public health human resources management; and
  - research and knowledge transfer
- **Chair:** Dr. Susan Tamblyn, former MOH from Perth District Health Unit
- **Vice-chair:** Brian Hyndman, citizen representative on Toronto's Board of Health
- A final report is expected by December 2005

# OPERATION HEALTH PROTECTION

## Agency Implementation Task Force

- Launched in June 2004, Operation Health Protection is a 3 year action plan to revitalize the province's public health system
- A new provincial Health Protection and Promotion Agency will be created to advise and assist the Province, local health units, and other stakeholders on effective practices and policy guidelines
- On January 13, 2005, the Government announced the Agency Implementation Task Force
  - **Chairs:** Dr. Terry Sullivan, President and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario  
Dr. Geoff Dunkley, former AMOH of Ottawa Public Health
- The final report is expected in December 2005

# ONTARIO HEART HEALTH PROGRAM (OHHP) UPDATE

## Response from CDPHP Branch:

### 1. Sustained and adequate funding

- Working towards securing appropriate resources to ensure program can be delivered effectively; includes enhanced support to Boards of Health for staff positions

### 2. Public Health Leadership

- Continue to encourage shared decision-making and joint ownership within community partnership
- At time of Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guideline (MHPSG) review, consideration will be given to integrating the Ontario Heart Health Program (OHHP) into the Chronic Disease Prevention Program while maintaining the foundation of the community partnership

## OHHP UPDATE (cont'd)

### 3. Local-provincial partnerships

- Working with Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance (OCDPA) to ensure participation of local and provincial stakeholders that include Ontario Heart Health Network (OHHN), Ontario Health Promotion Resource System (OHPRS) and Non Government Organizations

### 4. Provincial policy development

- CDPHP Branch is actively working toward the integration of CDP initiatives.
- Participation in and support to the OCDPA and the enhancement of Heart Health Resource Centre (HHRC) services to address CDP

## OHHP UPDATE (cont'd)

### 5. Provincial enabling system

- The Branch continues to support the OHPRS as the enabling system for the OHHP and CDP
- In-depth evaluation of local interventions that focus on environmental support and policy led by The Health Communication Unit
- Dissemination of best practices in stroke prevention being led by HHRC

### 6. Provincial surveillance, evaluation and research

- Planning and reporting requirements of Phase II were refined to strengthen the consistency of information and implementation data
- In-depth evaluation of local interventions is underway
- An electronic data collection system is underway
- Reporting links between the MHPSEG and OHHP will be addressed
- Pending approval of the 2005/06 MOHLTC Business Planning results, a process is planned for the development of a chronic disease surveillance system

## QUESTIONS?

**Q.** Is the CDPHP Branch moving?

**A.** Yes, to 393 University Avenue (University and Dundas) on May 27, 2005.

## OTHER QUESTIONS?