

OPHS Roll-Out and “Evergreen” Process

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Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation is to:
 - Provide an overview of key “roll-out” activities
 - To discuss the proposed process to ensure that the OPHS and Protocols are maintained as “evergreen” documents

Overview

- The roll-out of the OPHS and Protocols will occur in two phases:
 - Phase 1 (now – Dec 31, 2008) - These activities involve all aspects of the release, distribution and immediate education needs of boards of health staff (awareness and education)
 - Phase 2 (January 1, 2009 – onward) - These activities include additional training sessions and activities provided by program areas and Ministries; these will be informed by the evaluation of Phase 1 activities and further learning/support needs identified

Proposed Roll-Out Activities

- To date, activities have included:
 - A letter of transmittal from the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to boards of health on the release of the OPHS and Protocols
 - Additional letters to various stakeholders informing them of the release of the OPHS (e.g., alPHa, OPHA, public health professional organizations, LHINs, etc)
- In an effort towards environmental conscientiousness and reducing paper use, the OPHS and Protocols are available in electronic format on the MOHLTC website, the OPHS website and CDs
- The French language OPHS are being finalized and will be available online at the end of November

Proposed Roll-Out Activities – Workshops

- Events will be held through the month of November. These include:
 - Launch (Nov. 12 and 13)
 - 7 workshops on the OPHS and Protocols: The intent is to provide board of health management and staff with an understanding of the content of the OPHS and Protocols and opportunities to discuss best practices and adoption approaches
 - Foundational Standard (Nov. 14)
 - Reproductive Health and Child Health (Nov. 17 and 18)
 - Chronic Disease Prevention (Nov. 17 and 18)
 - Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse (Nov. 19 and 20)
 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (Nov. 24)
 - Infectious Diseases (Nov. 24 and 25)
 - Environmental Health (Nov. 26)
 - A webinar to discuss the Tuberculosis Program Standard will take place in early December

Proposed Roll-Out Activities – Workshops (cont'd)

- A “core curriculum” will be presented at each event focusing on an overview of the OPHS and Protocols, OPHS Foundations, Roll-out activities, the “Evergreen” process, and an update on Public Health Performance Management
- The workshops will provide an opportunity for the sharing of best practices in program planning, delivery and evaluation and for board of health staff to discuss challenges and opportunities for the planning and implementation of the OPHS and Protocols
- Some workshops will also showcase “leading practices” from health units and other broader healthcare sector organizations as well as tools and resources to be used for support
- An on-line evaluation survey has been developed, for all workshops to evaluate their effectiveness and to identify ongoing information and training support needs

Support Materials

- A number of products will be available for boards of health and other public health stakeholders, including:
 - OPHS Website: downloadable OPHS and Protocols, web-based tools to be accessed by public health practitioners to assist them with the adoption of the OPHS, also providing links to logic models, evidence based tools and resources, and automated live literature searches (through PubMed)
 - Guidance Documents: in addition to the OPHS and Protocols, some program areas are developing/revising Guidance Documents which will be made available when the OPHS go into effect and may include further materials to be developed after the OPHS implementation (2009 and beyond)
 - Additional training sessions and webinars: may be provided at the discretion of program areas

The OPHS Website

- The OPHS website has several key purposes:
 - To provide access to the OPHS and accompanying Protocols;
 - To assist practitioners to understand the conceptual framework of the new OPHS; and
 - To provide practical tools to support adoption of the new standards and requirements.

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Future Updating of the OPHS and Protocols – the “Evergreen” Process

The “Evergreen” Process

- The Technical Review Committee recommended that a formalized process be established to ensure that the OPHS and Protocols are reviewed and revised, where appropriate, on an ongoing basis
- The Committee recommended that the OPHS be revised every 5 years to ensure that they remain current, evidence-informed and responsive to key public health issues/drivers
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario recommended that an evaluation of the OPHS be undertaken two years following implementation to analyze resource and funding impacts of the OPHS
- Commitment made by MOHLTC: OPHS will be reviewed after 5 years and Protocols will be reviewed every 2 years – or as required
- The role of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion in the evergreen process will be developed in the coming months

The “Evergreen” Process (cont’d)

- Any revisions to the OPHS will require tri-ministerial approval (MOHLTC, MHP, MCYS)
- Any revision to Protocols will require CMOH approval
 - It is anticipated that revisions to some Protocols may be more frequent
 - The addition and/or removal of Protocols entails changes to OPHS
 - Changes in names of Protocols also entails changes to the OPHS
- Processes and structures for the formalized OPHS and Protocols review are being considered (potentially to initiate in late 2009)
- It is anticipated that stakeholder engagement will be a component of the evergreen process - mirroring the approach to the development of the OPHS and Protocols