



OAHP Strategic Plan and Priorities: A vision for public health renewal

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Presentation Outline

- Context for the creation of the OAHPP
- Start-up accomplishments
- OAHPP Strategic Plan 2010-2013
- Laboratory transfer and renewal project
- Foundations for research and for province-wide action

Built on the Advice of Experts



Vision for the OAHPP

“To achieve this authority and success an Ontario Centre for Disease Control will require considerable resources and a strong commitment from government to maintain those resources. It will only work if it has the resources to attract recognized experts and to provide them with the best technology and equipment and optimal support to perform their work.”

Campbell Commission (First Interim Report, p.19)

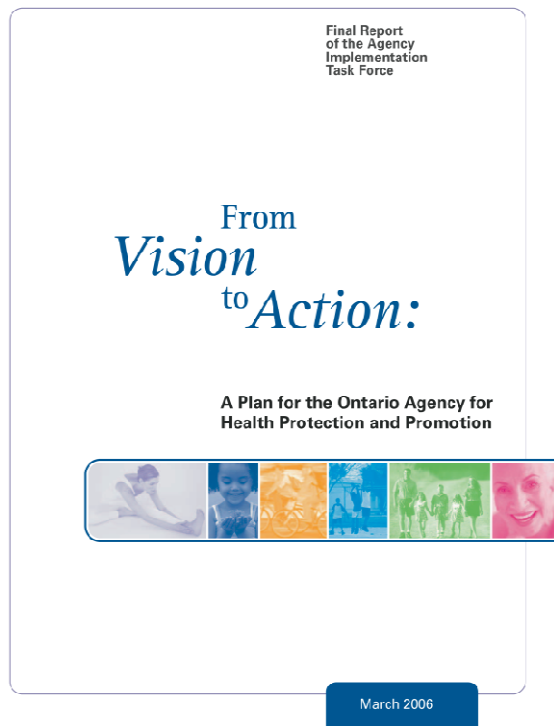
“While public health services include certain routine functions, they must also be acutely sensitive and ready to respond to unpredictable and evolving threats to the public’s health on a day-by-day basis. This places an even greater premium on a responsive, fast-moving organization. For any new body or structure to be effective in this context, it will require flexibility and dexterity.”

Expert Panel on SARS and Infectious Disease Control, Final Report, p.78

Operation Health Protection (2004)

- Ontario Government response to expert reports
- Six key strategic priorities
 - Creation of a Health Protection and Promotion Agency
 - Public Health Renewal
 - Health Emergency Management
 - Infection Control and Communicable Disease Capacity
 - Health Human Resources
 - Infrastructure for Health System Preparedness

Agency Implementation Task Force (2006)



Key Directions and recommendations:

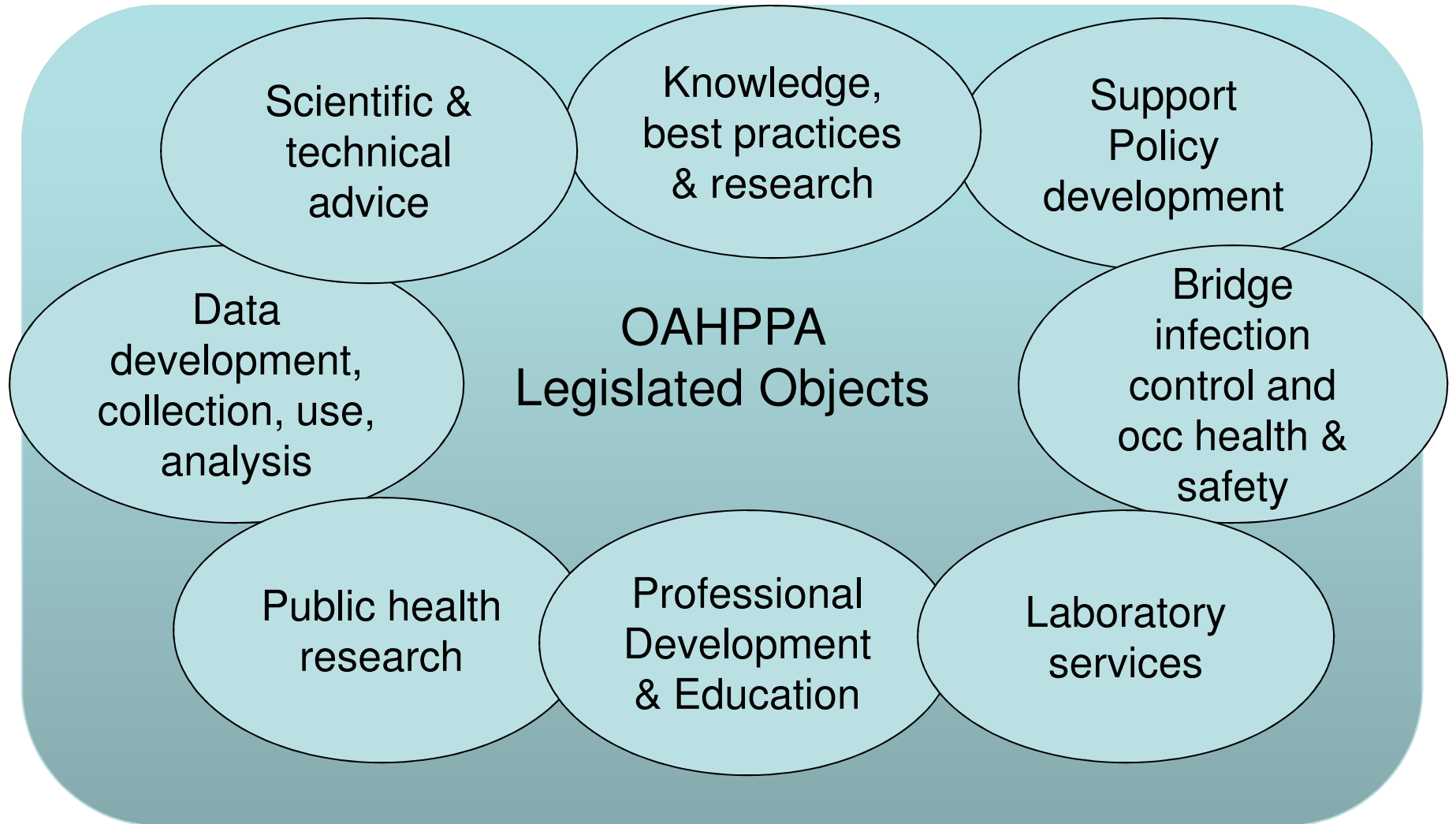
- Governance and Accountability
- Ministry/Inter-Ministry Liaison
- Organizational Design
- Legislative Authority
- Ontario Public Health Laboratories
- Support in Emergency and Exigent Circumstances
- Phasing-in (priorities)

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, 2007

- The *Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act* received Royal Assent and came into force on June 4, 2007.

Agency's purpose is to improve population health and reduce inequities in health

- Serve as a hub, linking researchers, practitioners and front-line workers to the best scientific intelligence from around the world.
- Provide specialized scientific and technical advice and support to government, front-line health care workers and public health units.
- Establish, operate and maintain laboratory centres and provide laboratory services.
- Provide scientific and technical support during emergency situations ranging from localized outbreaks to provincial emergencies.



Vision

We will be an internationally recognized centre of expertise dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of all Ontarians through the application and advancement of science and knowledge.

Mission

We are accountable to support health-care providers, the public health system and partner ministries in making informed decisions and taking informed action to improve the health and security of all Ontarians, through the transparent and timely provision of credible scientific advice and practical tools.

Mandate

To provide scientific and technical advice for those working to protect and promote the health of Ontarians.

Values

- Credible
- Responsive
- Relevant
- Innovative
- Collaborative
- Balanced



Who we serve

Public health units

Ministries

Ministry of Health
and Long-Term Care
Ministry of Health Promotion
Other ministries

Health-care system



Overarching goal: We enable better public health policy and practice by our partners to improve the health of Ontarians and reduce inequities in health.

What we do:

1. Timely, relevant and reliable information for better public health decisions and actions

GOALS



2. Generate and accelerate application of evidence-based knowledge for better public health decisions and actions
3. High quality support to the Ontario public health system in its daily business and enhance capacity in emergencies



OAHPP public health programs

Infectious disease prevention and control	Chronic disease, health promotion and injury prevention	Public health laboratories	Environmental and occupational health
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Cross-cutting functions

Surveillance and epidemiology

Emergency management and support

Knowledge exchange and communications

Professional development and education

Partnerships and stakeholder relations

Corporate functions

Human resources, legal counsel, IT, finance, facilities

OAHPP Start-Up Activities

- Founding Board appointed in June 2007
- President and CEO started in July 2008
- Hiring of public health and corporate leadership 2008-2009
- Public health laboratories transferred from MOHLTC on December 15, 2008
- First Strategic Plan released in Sept. 09
- First Annual Report submitted to Ministry in July 2009
- Business Plan submitted in December 2009
- Emergency management support, lab services and scientific advice through two waves of pH1N1
- Program transfers underway from MHP and MOHLTC
- Research and public health program development underway in all areas

Laboratory transfer and renewal

- One of the largest public health lab systems in North America, performing 4 million tests per year
 - Central public health lab in Toronto, 11 regional sites
 - Transferred to OAHPP in December 2008 with a mandate to continue to revitalize and modernize the system
- Clinical and environmental testing services for infectious and communicable diseases (e.g., Legionnaire's, SARS, influenza and West Nile Virus). All clinical testing for HIV and syphilis in Ontario and one of the largest tuberculosis laboratories.
- Expert infectious disease advice on clinical microbiology and related public health issues through consultative, educational and advisory services.
- Research in support of public health in collaboration with provincial, national and international organizations and academic institutions

OAHPP lab renewal

- Three-year project with five overarching goals:
 1. Refine and **modernize our laboratory test menus** and improve test **turnaround times**, allowing us to cost-effectively provide more timely, credible and relevant information
 2. Transition our laboratories from a data producer to a trusted and **respected knowledge producer**
 3. Allow us to undertake **advanced analysis**, research and surveillance activities and to innovate
 4. Improve our **surge capacity** so that we can better deal with outbreaks
 5. Help us to continue to **respond to emerging** public health needs.

Building our public health infrastructure

- Building the scientific and technical capacities of our laboratory and public health program professionals in vast number of areas related to our mandate
 - Research operations team in place to support our research activities
 - Knowledge exchange and professional development
 - Information technology and management
 - Expertise in surveillance and epidemiology, environmental and occupational health, chronic disease, injury prevention and health promotion, and infectious diseases
- Drawing on the unique contribution of our laboratories to access specimens as well as varied data sources to obtain population health intelligence

Ministry of Health Promotion

Ministry of Health and Long-Term
Care

Transfers for FY1011

- The Health Communication Unit
- Alcohol Policy Network
- Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre
- Program Training and Consultation Centre

- Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs)
- Core Competencies Program
- Public Health Research Education and Development (PHRED) program

Regional/local capacity linked to OAHPP

- Cabinet approval to transfer three MOHLTC programs to OAHPP:
 - Public Health Research Education and Development program
 - Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs)
 - Core Competencies in infection prevention and control
 - 2010 will be a transition year
- Transfer of Ministry of Health Promotion programs will also enhance our capacity and role
- Regional laboratory system in 11 locations
- OAHPP is reflecting on role of regionally-based hubs within its broader public health infrastructure