

Report To: Executive Committee, Board of Health
Submitted by: Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Subject: GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK POLICIES & PROCEDURES

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (a) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Policy *Strategic Plan CA.45.01.100*, attached Appendix 1.
- (b) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Policy *Medical Officer of Health/CEO Job Description CA.45.01.201*, attached Appendix 2.
- (c) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Policy *Stewardship of Management Operations CA.45.01.400*, attached Appendix 3.
- (d) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Capital Funding Plan CA.45.02.401*, attached Appendix 4.
- (e) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Communications Strategy CA.45.02.402*, attached Appendix 5.
- (f) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Educational Requirements for Public Health Professionals CA.45.02.403*, attached Appendix 6.
- (g) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Financial Policies and Procedures CA.45.02.404*, attached Appendix 7.
- (h) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Financial Records CA.45.02.405*, attached Appendix 8.
- (i) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Human Resources Strategy CA.45.02.406*, attached Appendix 9.
- (j) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Information Management CA.45.02.407*, attached Appendix 10.

- (k) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Operational Plan* CA.45.02.408, attached Appendix 11.
- (l) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Procurement* CA.45.02.409, attached Appendix 12.
- (m) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Professional Practice Support* CA.45.02.410, attached Appendix 13.
- (n) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Procedure *Stewardship of Management Operations – Research Ethics* CA.45.02.411, attached Appendix 14.
- (o) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Policy *Governance Framework* CA.45.01.500, attached Appendix 15.
- (p) That the Executive Committee makes recommendation to the Board of Health to accept the Policy *Board of Health Purchase of Services* CA.45.01.510, attached Appendix 16.

BACKGROUND:

The Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHOS) specifies the requirements that all boards of health are obligated to implement. The WDGPH Board of Health is accountable for compliance with these standards and achievement of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS). The attached policies and procedures outline the reporting expectations and requirements of the organization through the Senior Staff for the provision of adequate information to the board, enabling it to confirm WDGPH organizational compliance to the OPHS & OPHOS.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND/OR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Failure to achieve requirements of OPHS may result in a reduction of the health and wellness of the overall population served by WDGPH and a reduction or loss of public confidence.

Failure to achieve the requirements of the OPHOS may result in reduced funding, ministry review and/or oversight.

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CATEGORY:	Board of Health	NUMBER:	CA.45.01.100
SUBJECT:	Strategic Plan	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Health (BOH) for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) shall ensure the development, implementation and monitoring of a strategic plan for the Agency which:

- Articulates the vision, mandate, mission and values of WDGPH;
- Identifies strategic priorities, goals and objectives;
- Addresses local contexts and reflects the needs of the community;
- Integrates BOH, staff and community partner input;
- Links to and informs organizational and operational planning;
- Is regularly reviewed (at least annually) and revised, as appropriate; and
- Is communicated to the BOH, staff and community partners.

The strategic plan will be developed for a specific time frame, no less than five years. Development, implementation and monitoring of the strategic plan will be the responsibility of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO.

SCOPE:

This policy applies all members of the BOH.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Procedure: N/A**

CA.45.01.302 *Compliance Monitoring and Improvement*

Contact for inquiries: Office of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO

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SUBJECT:	Medical Officer of Health/CEO Job Description	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Health (BOH) for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) will ensure the Medical Officer of Health/CEO (MOH) will have an up to date job description. The BOH will ensure the details of the MOH job description are aligned with the requirements of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and any other relevant legislation.

General Principles

Job descriptions provide a summary of the position's duties, principal responsibilities, education and experience requirements, and an overview of other generally expected responsibilities placed upon the MOH.

Job descriptions become the basis for the assessment of the MOH work performance.

Process

The Executive Committee of the BOH will informally review the MOH job description annually as part of the performance management process.

The Executive Committee of the BOH will ensure revisions and updates are made as required by legislative changes or business requirement needs.

The MOH job description will be formally reviewed and approved by the BOH at least every three years.

The Director, Administrative Services will support the Executive Committee in the revision process as required.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members the BOH.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Procedure: N/A

Contact for inquiries: Chair of the Board of Health

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CATEGORY:	Board of Health	NUMBER:	CA.45.01.400
SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Health (BOH) for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) is committed to confirming the highest standards of administration, ensuring Senior Management use a proactive, problem solving approach to establish its operational directions, organizational priorities and objectives and through its actions, ensure the Agency delivers effective programs, and functions in an efficient and effective manner.

Specifically, the BOH will ensure compliance with the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHOS) providing stewardship to ensure the following areas are effectively managed:

- Capital Funding Plan;
- Communications Strategy;
- Educational Requirement for Public Health Professionals at WDGPH;
- Financial Policies and Procedures;
- Financial Record Management;
- Human Resources Strategy;
- Information Management and Security Policies and Procedures;
- Operational Plan;
- Procurement Policies and Procedures;
- Professional Practice Support;
- Research Ethics;
- Risk Management;
- Service Level Agreements; and
- Staff Development and Training.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all WDGPH employees responsible for program and services development and delivery and the reporting of service outcomes.

RESPONSIBILITY:**BOH Members will:**

- Request and review information regarding the administration of programs and services that provide them confidence that effective programs and functions are compliant and meeting the OPHOS.

MOH/CEO and Senior Management will:

- Provide reports to the BOH as outlined in policy and/or procedure to enable the BOH to fulfill its stewardship function; and
- Modify programs and services accordingly based on feedback from the BOH to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Procedures:

- CA.45.02.401 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Capital Funding Plan*
- CA.45.02.402 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Communications Strategy*
- CA.45.02.403 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Educational Requirements for Public Health Professionals*
- CA.45.02.404 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Financial Policies and Procedures*
- CA.45.02.405 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Financial Records*
- CA.45.02.406 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Human Resources Strategy*
- CA.45.02.407 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Information Management*
- CA.45.02.408 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Operational Plan*
- CA.45.02.409 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Procurement*
- CA.45.02.410 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Professional Practice Support*
- CA.45.02.411 Stewardship of Management Operations – *Research Ethics*

Contact for inquiries: Chair of the Board of Health

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CATEGORY:	Board of Health	NUMBER:	CA.45.02.401
SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Capital Funding Plan	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹:

- Capital funding plan.

Director of Administrative Services will:

- Ensure compliance with Board of Health (BOH) By-Law No. 3, being a by-law relating to the property of the BOH for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health;
- Provide to the BOH annually for information, a report on the contributions to, disbursements from, and income generated by Facilities Reserve Funds established under BOH By-Law No. 3, section 1.4: Care and Maintenance of Property; and
- Provide to the BOH annually for information, a report on the status of any expenditure from the Facilities Reserve Funds established under BOH By-Law No. 3, section 1.4: Care and Maintenance of Property, in relation to the BOH's Reserve Fund Plan.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations***

Board of Health (BOH) By-Law No. 3

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Communications Strategy	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Communications Strategy.

The Board of Health (BOH) is committed to ensuring a Communications Strategy for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is developed and that focuses on public health services, advocacy and health promotion while building a general understanding of the public health mandate.

A comprehensive Communications Strategy will provide:

- Guidelines for sharing information with community partners and staff;
- A plan to ensure consistency in messaging at all levels, to all audiences, ensuring accessibility;
- Consistency of messaging across multiple media platforms to ensure integrated communications;
- Dissemination plans of relevant research findings for each approved research project;
- Guidelines for use of relationships with media channels to share health information;
- Strategies for educating community partners and the public about key public health issues; and
- Methods for issues management and support of key spokespeople.

In the first quarter of each year the BOH will receive a summary of Communications activities including how the Communications Strategy objectives have been met throughout the previous year.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Educational Requirements for Public Health Professionals	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹:

- Educational Requirements for Public Health Professionals.

A report will be provided to the Board of Health each year. The report will provide confirmation that the recruitment of staff in the roles identified in the *Health Promotion and Protection Act* (HPPA) meet the standards as outlined:

- Business Administrator;
- Public Health Dentist;
- Dental Hygienist;
- Public Health Inspector;
- Public Health Nurse; and
- Public Health Nutritionist (HPPA, Reg.566)²

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations***

Health Promotion and Protection Act

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

² Qualifications of Boards of Health Staff, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 566. Available at: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/9english/elaws_regs_900566_e.htm.

Contact for inquiries: Director, Administrative Services

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Financial Policies and Procedures	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Financial policies and procedures.

Director of Administrative Services will:

- Provide to the Board of Health annually, a report on Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with the requirements listed in the OPHOS;
- Provide a list of Agency operational policies and procedures reviewed during the year; and
- Provide an overview of updates and changes made to Agency policies and procedures throughout the year.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Financial Records	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹:

- Financial records.

Director of Administrative Services will:

- Provide to the Board of Health (BOH) quarterly for information, reports on the status of income and expenditures for the year to date, which will be prepared based on the books and records of the financial affairs of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH).
- Provide to the BOH annually, the financial statements of WDGPH as prepared by management in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards, including, at a minimum:
 - An annual statement of income and expenses (Statement of Operations); and
 - An annual statement of assets and liabilities (Statement of Financial Position).
- Provide to the BOH annually, the auditor's report on management's financial statements, with an audit scope that includes, but is not limited to:
 - Assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error;
 - Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management; and
 - Evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Provide to the BOH annually, for information and approval, a budget for WDGPH which outlines management's estimates of the revenue and expenditures of the BOH for the following year.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.100 *Stewardship of Management Operations***

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Human Resources Strategy	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Human Resources Strategy¹.

Senior Management shall ensure the establishment of a human resources strategy, based on a workforce assessment which considers the competencies, composition and size of the workforce, as well as community composition, and includes initiatives for the recruitment, retention, professional development and leadership development of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health workforce.

Senior Management shall establish and implement written human resource policies and procedures which are made available to staff, students, and volunteers.

A report will be provided to the Board of Health (BOH) each year. The report will provide an overview of the work completed to meet the requirements of the OPHOS, and confirmation that policies and procedures shall be maintained concerning but not limited to:

- The availability of position descriptions for staff;
- A process to ensure that staff meet qualifications for their positions, job classifications and licensure (as required);
- Confidential personnel files shall be maintained for each staff member;
- Occupational health and safety policies;
- Recruitment and retention strategies, including workplace health practices;
- A code of conduct;
- Compensation policy;
- Labour relation policies;
- Staff performance evaluation processes; and
- Succession planning.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Information Management	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Information Management.

The Medical Officer of Health/CEO shall establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures related to data collection and records management, which ensure:

- Compliance with all applicable legislation, regulations and policies, including the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*², and *Personal Health Information Protection Act*³ to the management of all personal information and personal health information;
- Data quality in the creation and collection of data;
- Confidentiality in how records are used and accessed;
- Use of current and appropriate security features, including strong encryption of personal health information;
- A records maintenance process that includes remediation of errors;
- Appropriate records retention process that varies by type of record;
- Secure disposal of records; and
- That the purposes and appropriate uses of data being created are communicated to and respected by staff, students, volunteers and management who collect, enter, store, analyze, use and/or destroy the data.

A report will be provided to the Board of Health each year. The report will provide an overview of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's programs and standards to achieve the requirements as outlined in the OPHOS.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

²Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56. Available from: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90m56_e.htm.

³Personal Health Information Protection Act, S.O. 2004, c. 3, Sch. A. Available from: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_04p03_e.htm.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Operational Plan	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Operational Plan.

A report will be provided to the Board of Health each year. The report will provide confirmation that the establishment an operational plan for the organization which includes but is not limited to the requirements outlined in the OPHOS.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Procurement	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹ (OPHOS):

- Procurement.

Director of Administrative Services will:

- Provide an annual report to the Board of Health on the aspects of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's policy CA.51.01.112 and procedure CA.51.02.112 *Procurement* as listed in the OPHOS.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*
CA.51.01.112 and CA.51.02.112 *Procurement*

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Professional Practice Support	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹:

- Professional Practice Support.

The Medical Officer of Health/CEO shall insure a management person is designated Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) to be responsible for nursing quality assurance and nursing practice leadership. Annually, the CNO will report to the Board of Health, a summary of the functions of the Nursing Council for the preceding year. This report will include reports on Nursing Practice Issue Resolutions, if any, policy and protocol development that directly relates to nursing practice and leadership development at Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

The Senior Management shall support a culture of excellence in professional practice for all regulated and unregulated health professions that ensures inter-professional collaboration and learning, and that staff are able to comply with professional regulatory body requirements where applicable.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: *CA.45.01.400 Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Stewardship of Management Operations – Research Ethics	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

PROCEDURE:

This procedure will address the following goals/objectives in the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards¹:

- Research Ethics.

Senior Management shall establish, maintain and implement policies and procedures related to research ethics that reflect accepted standards of practice.

A report will be provided to the Board of Health each year.

The report will describe the activities of the Research Ethics Committee in the previous year. It will also include information about the research ethics reviews that occurred:

- The number of research ethics reviews that occurred within the previous year;
- The number of reviewed projects that were approved with no amendments;
- The number of reviewed projects that were approved with minimal amendments; and
- The number of reviewed projects that were not approved.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Corresponding Policy: CA.45.01.400 *Stewardship of Management Operations*

¹Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport. (February 2011). *Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards* (Revised Catalogue No. 015523 ISBN 978-1-4435-5469-5 (PDF)). Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario 2011.

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SUBJECT:	Governance Framework	EFFECTIVE:	October 5, 2016
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REPLACES:	N/A		

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Health (BOH) for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) is created by statute pursuant to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA)* to superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the HPPA and its Regulations to the persons who reside in the County of Wellington, County of Dufferin and the City of Guelph. The BOH shall also perform such other functions as are required by or under the HPPA or any other Legislative Act.

Members of the BOH are appointed under the HPPA either by a Municipal Council or by the Province of Ontario. The City of Guelph shall appoint three members, the County of Wellington shall appoint three members, and the County of Dufferin shall appoint two members. The Province of Ontario may appoint up to seven members to the BOH.

The BOH members are responsible for selecting officers for the BOH. The election of officers is held at the inaugural meeting of the BOH for each calendar year in accordance with By-Law 1 section 5.11. Terms of office run until the next inaugural meeting of the year following the election. The BOH selects three officers, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the BOH.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Procedure: N/A**

CA.45.01.200 *Medical Officer of Health/ CEO Performance Appraisal*

CA.45.01.502 *Board of Health Self-Evaluation*

Appendix A *BOH Chair Role and Responsibilities*

Appendix B *BOH Vice Chair Role and Responsibilities*

Appendix C *BOH Secretary/Treasurer Role and Responsibilities*

Appendix D *BOH Member Role and Responsibilities*

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APPENDIX A – BOH CHAIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability

The Chair serves and is accountable to the BOH.

Authority

The Chair has no formal authority to direct the BOH or the affairs of WDGPH. Like other BOH members, the Chair is entitled to make motions and vote on matters before the BOH.

The Chair is included as a member of the BOH in constituting quorum.

The Chair may not, on behalf of WDGPH, enter into contracts without the knowledge and approval of the BOH including the Medical Officer of Health/CEO (MOH).

Responsibility

The Chair is, first and foremost, responsible for the effective functioning of the BOH in its role of governing WDGPH. All other duties are secondary.

Primary Duties

In addition to the duties of every BOH member, the duties of the Chair are described in By-Law No. 1 and include:

- Overseeing the preparation of the BOH meeting agenda in collaboration with the office of the MOH;
- Chairing all meetings of the BOH in accordance with the agenda, the By-Laws and the Rules (Robert's Rules of Order);
- Reviewing BOH meeting minutes;
- Ensuring compliance with BOH policies and procedures as they apply to the BOH and its individual members;
- Ensuring there is a self-evaluation process to evaluate the effectiveness of the BOH and its annual completion;
- Ensuring there is a formal evaluation of the performance of the MOH and that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) is so informed;
- Ensuring full and timely communication with all members of the BOH;
- Ensuring the effectiveness of standing committees of the BOH;
- Chairing the Executive Committee of the BOH;
- Signing on behalf of the BOH the annual Program Based Grant Submission and amending documents, the Audited Financial Statements and other financial documents as required by the MOHLTC or other government ministries, and By-Law amendments; and
- The Chair is a signing authority on behalf of WDGPH.

Secondary duties

The Chair may, with greater regularity than other members of the BOH:

- Prepare recommendations for BOH consideration;
- Prepare recommendations to the BOH members for changes to By-Laws;
- Ensure the preparation of, and signs on behalf of, the BOH for all BOH correspondence;
- Be available to the MOH for consultation purposes; and
- Represent the BOH at public or official functions and may speak publicly on behalf of the BOH;

Ex-officio Status

To ensure effective communication, the Chair will be an ex-officio member of all standing committees to which he/she has not been named a member.

APPENDIX A – BOH CHAIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY (*con't*)

Qualifications

The Chair must have:

- A commitment to, and a clear understanding of the mission, vision and values of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of meeting procedures, BOH policies procedures and By-Laws of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of the HPPA, Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHOS); and
- Sufficient time to devote to his/her primary duties.

Evaluation

The effectiveness of the Chair shall be evaluated as part of the annual evaluation of the BOH itself.

APPENDIX B – BOH VICE-CHAIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability

The Vice-Chair serves and is accountable to the BOH.

Authority

The Vice-Chair has no formal authority to direct the BOH or the affairs of WDGPH. Like other BOH members, the Vice-Chair is entitled to make motions and vote on matters before the BOH. The Vice-Chair is included as a member of the BOH in constituting quorum.

Responsibility

The Vice-Chair has all the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair. This position is typically a successor to the Chair position.

Primary Duties

- Is a member of the Executive Committee of the BOH;
- Chairs the Executive Committee to oversee the annual performance appraisal process of the MOH in accordance with BOH policy CA.45.01.200 *MOH/CEO Performance Appraisal*; and
- Chairs the Ad-Hoc working group in accordance with the BOH policy CA.45.01.502 *Board of Health Self-Evaluation*.

Secondary Duties

At the request of the Chair, may be asked to perform the duties of the Chair.

Qualifications

The Vice-Chair must have:

- A commitment to, and a clear understanding of, the mission, vision and values of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of meeting procedures, BOH policies, procedures and By-Laws of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of the HPPA, OPHS and OPHOS; and
- Sufficient time to devote to his/her primary duties

APPENDIX C – BOH SECRETARY-TREASURER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability

The Secretary-Treasurer serves and is accountable to the BOH.

Authority

The Secretary-Treasurer has no formal authority to direct the BOH or the affairs of WDGPH. Like other BOH members, the Secretary-Treasurer is entitled to make motions and vote on matters before the BOH. The Secretary-Treasurer is included as a member of the BOH in constituting quorum.

Responsibility

Is responsible for ensuring that the financial position of the BOH is prepared and provided to the BOH in a regularly scheduled manner, and that all written documentation and corporate reporting of the BOH are maintained in accordance with the By-Laws and BOH policies and procedures.

Primary Duty

- Is a member of the Executive Committee of the BOH;
- Chairs the Finance Committee of the BOH;
- The Secretary-Treasurer is a signing authority on behalf of WDGPH;
- The Secretary-Treasurer signs on behalf of the BOH, the annual Program Based Grant Submission and amending documents, the Audited Financial Statements and other financial documents as required by the MOHLTC or other government ministries, and By-Law amendments;

Qualifications

The Secretary-Treasurer must have:

- A commitment to, and a clear understanding of, the mission, vision and values of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of BOH policies, procedures and By-Laws of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of the HPPA, OPHS and OPHOS; and
- Sufficient time to devote to his/her primary duties.

APPENDIX D - BOH MEMBER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability

All members of the BOH have a fiduciary duty to the BOH.

Authority

Individual BOH members have no authority to speak on behalf of WDGPH, unless given such authority by the BOH.

Responsibility

BOH members are responsible for acting in the best long-term interests of WDGPH and the community and will regularly attend meetings and actively contribute their knowledge and skills to accomplish the task of; superintending, providing or ensuring the provision of the health programs and services required by the HPPA and its Regulations to the persons who reside in the County of Wellington, County of Dufferin and the City of Guelph.

Primary Duty

Every member of the BOH, including the BOH officers, is expected to do the following:

- Prepare for BOH meetings by reading agendas, minutes, reports and other documentation required to actively participate in the meeting;
- Attend meetings regularly;
- Support governance decisions once made;
- Provide input into the development of a strategic plan when so required;
- Help the BOH to monitor the performance of WDGPH in relation to the strategic plan;
- Abide by the By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Conduct and other policies and procedures that apply to the BOH;
- Participate in the approval of the annual budget and monitor the financial performance of the Agency in relation to it;
- Participate in the hiring of the MOH;
- Participate in the evaluation of the MOH;
- Participate in the evaluation of the BOH itself (annual board self-evaluation);
- Contribute to the work of the BOH as a member of standing committees; and
- Keep informed about community issues relevant to the mission and objectives of WDGPH.

Secondary Duty

Identify prospective BOH members and possibly help recruit them.

Qualifications

BOH members must have:

- A commitment to the mission, vision and values of WDGPH;
- Knowledge of the community;
- An openness to learning the required material; and
- Sufficient time to devote to his/her primary duties.

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board of Health (BOH) for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) is responsible for the overall governance of the affairs of WDGPH, subject to the provisions of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, Ontario Public Health Standards, Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards, BOH By-Laws and policies and procedures, as well as all other applicable legislation and memorandums of agreement. The BOH is under a fiduciary duty to carry out their duties honestly and in good faith, in the best interests of WDGPH, and with care and diligence.

Policy:

As the need arises, the BOH shall have the authority to retain professional or consulting services providers in order to properly discharge its duties and responsibilities. Professional and consulting services retained may include, but are not limited to legal advisors, public relations experts, human resources/labour relations consultants, and other professionals whose expertise is provided on a contract or temporary basis.

Selection and procurement of professional or consulting services shall be completed in a transparent manner consistent with the organization's approved procurement policy and procedure. The Chair of the BOH will advise the Medical Officer of Health/CEO of expenditures to be incurred that are not included in the approved budget for the BOH.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the BOH.

REFERENCES AND RELATED FORMS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**Corresponding Procedure: N/A**

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