# Record of Discussion

**School Health Coordinators’ Committee Meeting**

**March 10th, 2020**

**Co-Chairs: Sterling Carruthers (PE), Pat Martz (AB)   
Participants:**

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| **Representative** | **Jurisdiction** |
| BC | Daniel Naiman |
| AB | Pat Martz |
| SK | Anna Grumbly Helen Flengeris |
| MB | Jennifer Wood |
| ON | Jennifer Munro-Galloway |
| NB | Beth Morrison Sylvia Reentovich |
| PE | Sterling Carruthers |
| NS | James Shedden |
| NL | Peggy Orbasli |
| NU |  |
| NT | Elaine Stewart |
| YK |  |
| PHAC | Suzy Wong |
| **Secretariat** |  |
| Katherine Kelly | Executive Director |
| Susan Hornby | Senior Advisor |
| Craig Watson | Research Analyst |

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1. Welcome and Roll Call  
   The co-Chairs welcomed all to the call.
2. Review and Approval of Agenda  
   The agenda was approved as written.
3. Approval of Record of Discussion from the September 10th 2019 teleconference  
   The Record of Discussion from the December 10th and 11th face-to-face meeting was approved, after changes on the Health Behaviour of School-aged Children portion.
4. Presentation - *Climate Change, Lyme Disease and School-Aged Children* (Shanna Sunley and Leslie Anne-Dams, PHAC)  
     
   Slide deck as presented:  
     
      
     
   *Discussion:*It is important that we determine how best to balance the promotion of Lyme disease messaging and other climate change/health messaging, in a way that doesn’t exacerbate further eco-anxiety in youth.

The presenters responded that this is a challenge they are actively working on to find solutions: among them, the travelling suitcase exhibit – informative, tangible, and action oriented - what kids can do to protect themselves, plus curiosity features to initiate exploration.

Managing the cost-benefits of outdoor play has led to varied responses in the need to balance promotion of outdoors with fears: from providing tick removal kits to teachers to having camping equipment include tweezers - a whole population response that includes options which empower kids.

1. Secretariat Update  
   In addition to the written update, the following information was shared:   
     
   a. New JCSH website  
   The JCSH website has undergone a complete refresh. For those wanting access to the private/Members side of the website, they will need to go to the log-in section of the website and complete the password change process. Over the past several weeks, Susan has been reloading a number items, in an effort to reorganize the private/Members side of the website.
2. Mandate Renewal  
   a. Overview of process and outcomes

Deputy Ministers of Health met via teleconference on February 20th. The JCSH mandate renewal proposal was put forth as a decision item, with positive response during the discussion; it was reported as a decision. Following the call, several jurisdictions indicated that they felt a jurisdiction by jurisdiction sign-off was required. This process is being conducted via an email from Katherine to all JCSH Health representatives. Following confirmation from all jurisdictions regarding their intent, Katherine will report back to The Health Support Committee which supports CDMH. On the education side, in conjunction with officials at CMEC, a memo package went out to all Deputy Ministers of Education March 9, with a two week turn around request for responses. Once all respective responses are received, the Agreement will be sent out for sign-off.

**b. Draft Agreement**

The Draft Agreement was sent out in February to SHCC for comments. The Agreement is the formal process for signing by member provinces and territories, and reflects updates in Executive Summary and Strategic Directions documents. If Katherine receives no further comments, the Draft Agreement will be sent to Management Committee and copied to SHCC.

When the Agreement is signed, the members will receive invoices for this fiscal. Alberta is only jurisdiction requiring three signatures; a signature line for AB Intergovernmental Affairs will be added.A draft of the Agreement was sent to all PTs in February for review.

***Discussion***

Jennifer (ON) advised that, pending approval, Ontario will move forward with a two-year agreement; this will be reassessed after two years.

**c. JCSH Annual Workplan**

Katherine advised that a working group has been developing a draft annual work plan. After the committee reviews the draft, it will be sent to SHCC for feedback. The plan currently lists activities for each of the strategies, along with responsibility lead(s). Timelines will be developed when the activities are finalized.

***Discussion:***

It will be important to have the full SHCC involved in planning actions; it should go to Management Committee for review in a close-to-final version.

Action: Katherine will send out a Doodle for a broad SHCC teleconference to discuss the work plan; the date for the call will be some time around March 25.

1. PHAC Projects for 2020-2021

As per the new funding model for the proposed JCSH mandate renewal, PTs and PHAC will now be contributing less annually to the JCSH. Suzy advised that, in light of this new funding model, PHAC is looking to direct the additional funds (100K annually) towards initiatives that would ideally align with the work and priorities of the JCSH. Proposed initiatives that PHAC is currently considering are: 1) Micro-grants to promote mental health and well-being among youth, and 2) The creation of a Youth Advisory Committee. PHAC is open to input and ideas from any and all jurisdictions relating to other key projects and initiatives that they feel might also be well suited for this funding.

1. SHCC Co-Chair  
   Alberta’s two-year term as SHCC Co-Chair will be ending - effective March 31st, 2020. Pat has indicated that she will remain on during the transition period. PTs have been asked to consider taking on the co-chair position alongside the PE co-Chair. If anyone is interested, they are asked to contact Sterling or the JCSH Secretariat.
2. Meeting Formats  
   The JCSH is currently exploring new technology options for meetings (ie - video conferencing, etc), and will need to seek out a platform (or platforms) that will work on an IT level across all jurisdictions.

Action: Susan will send email to SHCs asking for what videoconferencing options are permitted by them.

1. Review of Action Items  
   The Action Items Table was reviewed. Susan advised that the deadline for updates to the Student Injury Prevention Environmental Scan is March 25.
2. Next Meeting  
   * April 14th, 2020 teleconference

*All teleconference meetings begin at 1:00 Eastern Time.*

1. Adjournment