

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 5

2007-2008 Interim Steering Committee Membership: Expanding membership, growing expertise

Following the request of stakeholders at the Plan for Action meeting in April, this summer we expanded the Interim Steering Committee to include an even wider range of skills, knowledge and expertise. The Interim Steering Committee is now a team of 28 highly talented and experienced individuals representing a broad range of perspectives and points of view.

This past spring, the 19 member committee conducted an assessment of their own skills and expertise. By completing a “Skills and Expertise” questionnaire, members identified information such as the networks and organizations they participated in, the topics of research and populations they worked closely with, and self-identified skills and expertise that they bring to the committee. An analysis of the results outlined the strengths of its membership, as well as gaps that needed to be filled. Relying on the findings of this assessment, along with feedback from stakeholders at the April meeting, the Committee identified a list of organizations to propose individuals that might fill these gaps, and invited them to nominate individuals for consideration.

Nominees were invited to complete the “Skills and Expertise” questionnaire used in the Committee’s self-assessment. Committee members balanced the contributions that each individual would bring, taking into consideration factors such as focus or area of expertise and target population, geographic region, skills, and sectors with which they are affiliated.

All candidates were excellent, and represented a wide range of skills and expertise - the Committee was extremely pleased to see such interest. Due to size and budget restrictions, we could not include all nominees on the Steering Committee. However, we look forward to working with all nominees as we invite volunteers to participate on new committees as well as in provincial and territorial workshops throughout the fall and winter.

Interim Steering Committee Members 2007-8

Committee Member	Selected Affiliations
Nora Sobolov (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Lung Association
Dr. Gerard Cox Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Thoracic Society • McMaster University, Division of Respiriology • St. Joseph's Healthcare, Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health, Hamilton
Peter MacKenzie Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lung Cancer Canada
Onalee Randell Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Heidi Liepold (Ex-Officio) Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Agency of Canada
Pat Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICEBERGS (Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement: Bridging Excellence in Respiratory disease and Gender Studies) • James Hogg iCAPTURE Centre for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research • St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver • BC COPD Service Framework Committee
Dr. Andrew J. Cave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Alberta • CFPC Section of Researchers • Family Physicians Airways Group of Canada • Alberta Lung Association • COPD and Asthma Network of Alberta
Cheryl Connors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Network for Asthma Care
Wayne Courchene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly of First Nations
Dr. Sandra Delon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calgary Health Region, Chronic Disease Management Initiative • University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine
Nancy Garvey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care • Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals • Ontario Respiratory Care Society • Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists • Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario
Dr. Louise Giles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Manitoba • Biology of Breathing Research Theme, Manitoba Institute of Child Health • Pediatric Respiriology Program Director (RCPSC & ABP) • Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) • American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) • Canadian Society of Pediatric Respirologists • American Academy of Pediatrics & Canadian Pediatric Society • Pediatric Technology Dependent (Home Ventilator) Clinic, Winnipeg, MB

Patricia Hoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Canada – Safe Environments Programme
Dr. Roger Goldstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine • West Park Healthcare • Canadian COPD Alliance
Oxana Latycheva – resigned as of Dec 2007. Proposed replacement: Christine Hampson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Society of Canada
Sonia Isaac-Mann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Centre at National Aboriginal Health Organization
Dr. Malcolm King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta ACADRE Network
Deirdre Laframboise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Champions • Environment and Economy Round Table • David Suzuki Foundation • Green Communities & Active and Safe Routes to School • Go For Green
Dr. Peter Liu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Director, Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) • Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)
Dr. Darcy Marciniuk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Thoracic Society • Head, Division of Respiriology, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
Brenda Paine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Canada – Tobacco Control Programme
Dr. Robert Schellenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) • University of British Columbia, Department of Medicine • Canadian Immunodeficiencies Patient Organization • BC Lung Association • SAC-RAC Health Canada • Royal College Physicians & Surgeons, Clinical Immunology
Dr. Wan C. Tan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC iCapture Centre for CardioPulmonary Research
Lianne Vardy (Ex-Officio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Agency of Canada • Public Health Network (PHN) • World Health Organization - Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Disease (GARD) • Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC)
Dr. Eduardo Vides – resigned as of Oct 2007. New appointment being sought.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Métis National Council
Jackie Whitaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COPD Canada
Cheryl Winger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals (CRHP) • Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA) • College of Registered Nurses Manitoba (CRNM) • Manitoba Association Health Care Professionals (MAHCP)

Wendy Zatylny	• Rx & D
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The key objectives for the Interim Steering Committee for 2007-8 include:

- To continue working with provincial and territorial governments, and all Parliamentarians, to ensure that the Framework is a priority on the public policy agenda. This includes developing innovative policy solutions in a variety of areas impacting lung health (e.g. the environment), while at the same time working to secure implementation funding for the Framework/Plan for Action.
- Together with stakeholders acting to ensure the wide availability of resources from the Asset Map database, while at the same time developing a strategic and transparent, selection criteria process to help in the identification of new resources.
- To continue engaging stakeholders at all levels of the Framework development process, while accurately integrating their feedback and ideas into the Action Plan to be launched in fall/winter 2008.

For more information on the National Lung Health Framework

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