

**Alberta Public Health Association
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

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About the APHA

Overview: vision, mission and values

The Alberta Public Health Association (APHA) is a provincial not-for-profit association representing public health in Alberta. The APHA was established in 1943 and was incorporated as a registered charitable organization in 1955. The APHA is a provincial affiliate of the Canadian Public Health Association and works with the other provincial and territorial public health associations across Canada through its membership in the Canadian Network of Public Health Associations. The APHA is the only independent voice for public health in Alberta. APHA has a voluntary membership that includes practitioners, academics, students, representatives of government departments, non-government organizations, community members, and others. Interests and professional foci of members include but are not limited to:

- Health protection;
- Disease and injury prevention;
- Health promotion;
- Social determinants of health;
- Population health;
- Health equity; and
- Health-related policy

A voluntary board is elected by the membership and governs the Association. The membership gives direction to the board to act on specific public health issues through resolutions passed annually at the Annual General Meeting and through ongoing interaction.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in public health. We welcome membership from those working in health, as well as those working outside of the health system but whose work influences well-being, such as planners, transportation engineers, individuals working in social policy or any aspect of the social determinants of health, social workers, recreation and parks professionals, and others.

We are always interested in hearing from enthusiastic, reliable, and hard-working members who would like to take on formal roles within the Association, including but not limited to serving on the Board of Directors. Please contact us for more information (apha.comm@gmail.com).

APHA Vision: A vibrant public health community contributing to a healthy Alberta

APHA Mission: To be an independent, credible and fearless advocate for public health and health equity in Alberta

APHA Values/Principles:

- *Informed:* evidence-based; evidence-informed; value science but cognizant of broader context and diverse ways of knowing; rigorous
- *Integrity:* trust; honesty; ethical; principled; transparent; fairness
- *Collaborative:* inclusive; respectful
- *Innovative:* courageous; progressive; creative; enterprising



APHA 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Angeline Webb

President

Angeline Webb is the Regional Manager of Health Policy and Health Promotion with the Canadian Cancer Society where she has been engaged in population health and public health advocacy for the last 15 years. She develops, implements, and administers all health policy development and health promotion programming for the Canadian Cancer Society in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Angeline's focus is healthy public policy and shared public health leadership. Angeline has been involved with the APHA since 2010.

Kristyn Berry

Treasurer

Kristyn Berry is a public health professional with experience in health policy and population health. As a graduate of the University of Alberta, she has an interdisciplinary background that includes sociology and political science. Kristyn has carried her passion for public health through to her professional career working with the Canadian Cancer Society, where she supported health policy initiatives and media advocacy campaigns. She is now working with Heart & Stroke, leading advocacy initiatives for Alberta through government relations and public outreach. Kristyn's background in chronic disease prevention has led to her involvement with several key health organizations where she volunteers to achieve meaningful and sustainable change.

Ashley Drobot

Secretary

Ashley Drobot has a Master of Public Health from Queen's University. She works as a Senior Research and Evaluation Consultant with Alberta Health Services. In this role, she and her team have undertaken developmental, process and outcome evaluations related to provincial wait-time policies, local childcare nutrition policies, referral automation, patient engagement, and chronic disease management. Her evaluation and research experience are grounded in both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Her research interests include: the social determinants of health, health policy, and evaluation. She is currently working toward obtaining her Credentialed Evaluator and Project Management Professional designations. Ashley hopes to contribute to the growth of the Alberta Public Health Association as an organization in expanding its reach and engagement among public health practitioners alike through organizing conferences, speaker series, and other public health events.

Kenn Bur

Director-at-Large

Kenn Bur is a public relations professional with a passion for bringing people and creative ideas together to help achieve strategic social justice objectives.

Kenn is the Chief Imagination Officer of Citizen Strategies, an Edmonton-based communications/marketing consultancy. He also has 25-plus years of experience leading communication and marketing teams in Alberta's public sector.

Kenn's health-related experience includes roles as: (a) a crisis line volunteer for the Calgary Crisis Centre; (b) a provincial social worker in southeast Alberta; (c) a healthcare reporter for the now-defunct Alberta Hospital Association; (d) a volunteer director with Action on Smoking and Health; (e) a co-founder of Homeless Connect Edmonton; and, (f) the marketing director for a major medical assessment company.

With deep roots in rural Alberta, Calgary and Edmonton (where he now resides), Kenn is committed to increasing citizen awareness of public health issues. "All Albertans who want improved public health protection are stakeholders in APHA's continued success."



Katrina Milaney**Director-at-Large**

Dr. Katrina Milaney has an interdisciplinary academic background that includes sociological and gender-disability theory frames and has several years in community-based research. Correspondingly, Dr. Milaney's research track record was established in communities where she spent 15 years on projects related to public policy development. She is a qualitative researcher with a particular interest in participatory action designs and uses critical theory frameworks to study social determinants of health including disability, homelessness, gender, culture, domestic violence, and mental health. She currently sits on the Executive Steering Committee for the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness and has served on several community and government committees including as an advisor to the Premier of Alberta on homelessness and health strategies. Part of her critical theory driven study of social determinants revolves around her interest in political and economic ideology and their impact on public systems and service delivery.

Lindsay McLaren**Director-at-Large**

Lindsay McLaren is Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary. Lindsay first joined the APHA Board in 2012. She holds an Applied Public Health Chair funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions. Her research focuses on population health and health equity in various thematic areas including most recently community water fluoridation and dental public health. She is a Senior Editor for the *Canadian Journal of Public Health* and Co-Editor for *Critical Public Health* and has taught the social determinants of health to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Calgary for over 12 years.

Temitayo Famuyide**Director-at-Large**

Temi Famuyide currently works as a Research & Strategy Manager at Vecova. She has over 10 years' experience in public health and not-for-profit sector with emphasis in the areas of applied research and evaluation, community capacity building, strategic planning and policy development. Prior to joining Vecova, Temi held various positions working with Alberta Health Services and at the Region of Peel as a Research and Policy Analyst. She also held a Health System Planner position with the Waterloo-Wellington Local Health Integration Network in Ontario.

Temi holds Master of Science degree in Public Health and she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She is passionate about public health and is avid believer in improving the health system for vulnerable populations through inter-sectoral action using levers outside of the health sector.

Tricia Lewchuk**Director-at-Large**

With a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, Tricia has a strong background in both strategy and human behaviour analysis. These skills have enabled her to see the big picture and develop a passion to help foster awareness and build a healthier, more equitable society. Tricia has done this through her work in mental health at the BC Crisis Centre, through research in the Evaluation Studies Unit at UBC's Faculty of Medicine, and through her work at large health charities including the Heart and Stroke Foundation and now the Canadian Cancer Society, where she works today. Her passion for health, wellness and public health has led her to investigate prevention research and she hopes to work with some of the Canadian Cancer Society's funded researchers to help bring more disease prevention information to the public in the coming months. She is driven by this goal and looks forward to collaborating with public health partners and APHA members.

Heather Morris**Director-at-Large**

Heather Morris, MN RN, is a PhD candidate at the School of Public Health, University of Alberta. As a former public health nurse, her research interests center around public opinions of harm reduction and how individuals with lived and living experience shape drug policy reform in Canada. Heather is currently a research trainee with the Inner City Health and Wellness Program, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton and a volunteer with Garneau Strathcona Food Security.

Lars Hallstrom**Director-at-Large**

Lars K. Hallstrom, PhD. is a Professor in two faculties at the University of Alberta (the Augustana Faculty and the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences). He has been the Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities since 2009, where he has overseen over 60 projects and grants ranging from municipal planning to watershed management to youth engagement to the social determinants of health.

Ione Challborn**Director-at-Large**

Ione Challborn is Executive Director for CMHA Edmonton Region (since 2007) and chair the provincial CMHA Executive Director Council. She is also member of Leadership Teams/Steering Committees/Governance Groups for Living Hope A Community Plan to Prevent Suicide in Edmonton as well as the Edmonton and Area Community Mental Health Action Plan. Ione is chair of the Board of Governors for MacEwan University and just completed a four-year term serving on the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region Cabinet. She is also an advocate for public health and am a mental health advocate.

APHA 2019-2020 Committee Members and Volunteers

In addition to our Board Members who hold formal, elected roles with our organization, we are most grateful to the following individuals for their important and highly valued contributions to the APHA during the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

	Role and Contribution	Committee
Qendresa Beka	Website management, newsletter, member inquiries	Membership & Communications Committee member
Cathy Gladwin	Membership management and liaison with CPHA for conjoint membership	Membership & Communications Committee member
Michelle Kilborn	APHA liaison with the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association	Issues, Partnerships & Funding Committee member
Chelsea Tan	Newsletter, member inquiries and social media - Twitter APHA intern supporting communications	Membership & Communications Committee member
Cynthia Weijs	APHA liaison with the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention Supports social media – Facebook management	Membership & Communications Committee member Issues, Partnerships & Funding Committee member
Stephanie Caron-Roy	Supported student engagement as well as the development of political and public engagement initiatives	Student Committee Co-Chair

President's Report

In the 2019-2020 fiscal year the Alberta Public Health Association, with the dedication and perseverance of the Board and our members, created and managed opportunities to support action in public health even in the face of some daunting resource and capacity challenges.

During 2019-2020 fiscal year the APHA key action areas were a continuation of our 2018-2019 fiscal year priorities which focused on outcomes focused on the defense of public health¹. These areas include:

- **Define, and work towards, a unity of purpose:** Enshrine a common definition of public health and develop unity of team to move towards a common purpose, including primary prevention and the social determinants of health
- **Better package and market ourselves:** To the public and to decision makers, so they are clear about what we do, can understand our value, and can move towards partnering with us
- **Mobilize the public health community:** To identify opportunities and communities to address key/substantial issues, such as modernizing the Public Health Act, and increase cohesiveness/loyalty within a dispersed/distributed public health workforce

In September of 2019 the APHA held a strategic planning session in order to support movement in our priority areas. Workplans were developed by board committee leads and committee working groups with the intention of implementation over the fiscal year. Workplans developed were meant to be revised through the year.

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year the APHA priorities were focused on mobilizing the public health community through intersectoral collaboration, which is listed below in the Issues, Partnerships & Funding committee section.

As an organization managed solely by volunteers, the APHA continues to face capacity and resource issues. As our priority was focused on collaborative partnership opportunities, we struggled with public and membership communication. This included consistent newsletters to our members and updates to our website. However, in the face of these challenges, the APHA continues to focus on solutions and progress. We look forward to improving communication in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

As Alberta's only independent voice for public health the APHA continues to have a unique role to play in not only supporting and strengthen fulsome shared leadership approaches required to take action on the determinants of health but also support a shift in public discourse on the importance and value of public health in Alberta. We look forward to maintaining this focus into the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by
Angeline Webb
President

1. Advancing public health in Alberta: Notes from the 2018 Campus Alberta Health Outcomes and Public Health Conference - In Defense of Public Health: Strengthening our Discipline and Building Influence. Report prepared by Cynthia Weijs & Kristyn Berry in conjunction with the 2017-2018 APHA Board of Directors.

Governance Committee Report

The Board of Directors sets the direction and policy for the APHA, and is supported by the Governance Committee for activities relating to organizational bylaws, policies & procedures, board nomination, orientation, and evaluation. The Committee meets up to six times per year and welcomes contributions from members with expertise or interest in not-for-profit governance.

Three new Board members strengthened the existing Board members skills and representation.

A package was circulated to support the orientation of new board members to organizational objectives (vision, mission), history, bylaws, policies & procedures, recent activities, current strategic plans as well as committee roles and responsibilities.

Our Policies and Procedures were scheduled for review in 2019-2020. That review is complete, and the approved version is currently being finalized. The next review is scheduled for 2023.

The organization bylaws were approved in June 2016. The bylaws are scheduled to be reviewed during the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsay McLaren
Co-Chair, Governance Committee

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Alberta Public Health Association (APHA) Treasurer's Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In addition to this report the APHA Financial Statements (March 31, 2020) have been completed with a financial audit performed by two members (elected during 2018-2019 fiscal year AGM) of the APHA.

The APHA maintains operations as a voluntary organization without government funding. However, we continue to provide services to our members, support the public health community and maintain general operations. In the 2019-2020 fiscal year the APHA maintained membership subscriptions and renewal and supported public health advocacy as well as collaborative stakeholder public health initiatives. The APHA completed 2018-2019 fiscal year year-end filing to the Alberta Registries for ongoing Societies Act registration and completed year-end filing of Registered Charity Information Return to the Canada Revenue Agency.

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, APHA held an operating balance of \$6,549.66, with a year-end operating balance of \$7,749.48. Our revenue was \$5,053.80 and our expenses equaled \$4,144.93 for the fiscal year. The APHA registered a surplus for the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a balance of \$908.87.

The APHA fiscal reserves are within a long-term renewable GIC investment totaling \$15,999.13 and retained within the T- Bill savings account of \$927.51. Our total reserve at the end of the fiscal year was \$16,926.64.

In the upcoming fiscal year, APHA will continue to rely on membership contributions as a funding source. We will continue to explore opportunities to increase and diversify APHA funding. The Board is enthusiastic in exploring opportunities to build sustainable revenue in order to support Alberta's public health community.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristyn Berry, Treasurer

Issues, Partnerships & Funding Committee Report

This committee leads the identification of priorities for action by the APHA and coordinates collaborative efforts and activities on those priority areas. This committee is also responsible for assisting the APHA in achieving its funding goals and objectives as well as maintaining and supporting collaborative leadership outcomes through strategic initiatives and partnerships that are aligned with our overall vision. The APHA was involved in a number of public issues-related and collaborative partnership activities during the 2019-2020 fiscal year in an effort to support individuals and organizations working to improve public health in Alberta and Canada.

Guaranteed Basic Income

In May of 2019, the APHA participated in the Basic Income Calgary **MAKE IT B.I.G public forum** that supported multi-sectoral stakeholder engagement and mobilization regarding basic income policy in Alberta. The purpose of the forum was to create and support the development a formal network of basic income action groups across Alberta who can work together and advocate for a principles-based basic income pilot in our province. The APHA, lead by Dr. Katrina Milaney, administered a session at the forum: *Building a policy strategy and policy ask towards a basic income approach for Alberta*. The APHA hope to continue to work Basic Income Calgary and other groups to support the development of evidence-informed basic income policy recommendations for Alberta and beyond.

Response to Alberta's review of supervised consumption services

In September of 2019 the Alberta government launched a review of supervised consumption services in Alberta focusing on the social and economic impacts of supervised consumption services sites. The Alberta Public Health Association provided a [submission](#) to the review calling on the Alberta government to implement a comprehensive public health approach in response to the opioid crisis which includes the implementation of supervised consumption services. The APHA recommended that the Alberta government:

1. Lift any moratorium on expanding or altering current implementation of supervised consumption services sites;
2. Implement processes to reduce drug use-related stigma; and
3. Address the root causes and determinants of problematic substance use, including the social determinants of health.

2019 Federal Election

The APHA acknowledges that addressing the determinants of today's public health challenges requires an engaged and informed citizenry as well as invested and knowledgeable policymakers. A best practice component in adequately engaging policymakers includes impacting the political discourse regarding public health during an election cycle. With this in mind the APHA collaborated with key public health stakeholders, including the O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary and the Canadian Public Health Association with support from other provincial public health organizations in the development of a federal election toolkit: [Public Health Matter: Federal Election 2019 Primer](#). Engaged candidates were asked to discuss with federal election candidates the following priority areas:

1. Implementation of a basic Income
2. Commit to addressing climate change and its implications for human health
3. Taking a public health approach to the opioid crisis
4. Addressing core housing needs
5. Taking action on racism and health
6. Investing in early childhood education and care
7. Commitment to sustained investment and focus in public

A special thank you to the O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary for their collaborative approach and generous support.

Health-in-all-Policies Approach for Municipalities

In March 2020, the APHA partnered with the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention to provide a webinar on educating municipalities on how to implement a Health-in-all-Policies approach. APHA members Dr. Michelle Kilborn and Angeline Webb presented on behalf of APHA. The focus of the webinar was on how municipalities can develop and implement a health-in-all-policies approach and explained how this approach integrates and articulates health considerations into policymaking across sectors to improve the health of everyone in the community, and recognizes that health is created by a multitude of factors beyond healthcare. The webinar was hosted by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. A special thank you to the Kayla Atkey at the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention for her collaborative support.

Partnerships

Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention

APHA member Cynthia Weijs, PhD represents APHA on Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention (APCCP). The APCCP's focus is policy and its role is to link healthy public policy to action in communities, through capacity building, resource support and development and community engagement. APCCPs Strategic Priorities for 2019 included:

- Advocate for social policy to reduce the prevalence of household food insecurity in Alberta
- Advocate for mandated, resourced, and monitored implementation of healthy food and beverage guidelines in recreational facilities based on the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines
- Advocate for an active transportation plan for Alberta schools
- Promote student nutrition through a comprehensive school health lens

The APHA regularly works to support the initiatives of the APCCP.

Campaign for a Smoke-Free Alberta

APHA member Angeline Webb represents APHA on the Campaign for a Smoke-Free Alberta (CSFA). CSFA is a coalition of public health organization that are working together to reduce commercial tobacco use and nicotine dependency in Alberta. CSFA advocates for evidence-based policy which will prevent and reduce exposure to the harms associated with tobacco use and nicotine addiction.

Alberta Recreation & Parks Association

APHA member Michelle Kilborn, PhD represents APHA in engagement with the Alberta Recreation & Parks Association (ARPA).

APHA has a partnership agreement with ARPA and regularly attends and participates in the year ARPA's yearly conference. Throughout the year, Michelle met with the Executive Director several times to outline plans for strengthening the partnerships between APHA and ARPA. Planning took place in early spring for a public health stream for the 2020 ARPA Conference that focuses on upstream advocacy. The intent was to form a public health sub-committee within the conference organizing committee and then have it become a more formal part of the ARPA structure moving forward. In addition, there were plans to put forward a resolution at ARPA's AGM that focused on the support and future of public health beyond COVID-19.

Preliminary discussions about applying for a collaborative grant to host a "Think Tank" for 2021 were also initiated. The idea was to have a focused facilitated event with key health and recreation partners to look at current trends and potential policy opportunities to advance the overall shared goals of health promotion, identify collective priorities, draft targets, as well as potentially drafting a charter for Alberta. The ideal would be to have funding for at least three years to host this annually.

By August 2020, it was clear that our previous ideas for the 2020 conference would have to be postponed due to COVID-19. ARPA did have a virtual conference in October 2020 however we were unable to pivot quickly enough to organize any joint events for this format. Michelle will continue look for other opportunities to coordinate with ARPA as a valued partner.

A special thank you to Michelle Kilborn for her leadership and participation in engaging with ARPA.

Other Stakeholders

APHA would also like to thank our other key stakeholders who help us to achieve our goals and objectives in 2019:

- The School of Public Health at the University of Alberta
- The O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary
- The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge

Respectfully submitted by,
Angeline Webb, President

Membership & Communications Committee Report

We are pleased to present the Membership and Communications Report for 2019-2020. APHA's Membership and Communications Committee has two primary roles: (1) to manage and grow memberships, and (2) to facilitate the engagement of APHA members with relevant information.

MEMBERSHIP

APHA had a total of 109 members as of March 31, 2020. The following chart summarizes our current membership:

APHA Membership March 31, 2020		
Membership Type	Number of Members	Fee Paid
Honourary	6	No fee
APHA Direct - Regular	15	\$50
APHA Direct - Retired	2	\$22
APHA Direct - Student	13	\$22
Total Direct	36	
CPHA Conjoint - Regular	44	\$50
CPHA Conjoint - Retired	3	\$22
CPHA Conjoint - Student	26	\$22
Total Conjoint	73	
TOTAL	109	
<i>Total Regular</i>	<i>59</i>	
<i>Total Retired</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>Total Student</i>	<i>39</i>	
Fee Notes 1. Honourary Members pay no fees. 2. APHA Direct members pay fees directly to APHA. 3. CPHA Conjoint members pay fees to CPHA, and CPHA then forwards \$50 to us. (Conjoint payments show as 'free' in Wild Apricot because no payment transaction is entered into the Wild Apricot system.) 4. Conjoint fees: regular is \$250, student is \$90 and retired is \$97.		

Membership Value

The M&C committee again assessed potential corporate partnerships to help retain existing memberships and incentivize new memberships. All potential corporate partnerships we review must: (a) be at no cost, (b) be sustainable with minimal volunteer resources, and (c) not compromise the integrity of APHA's public health principles.

In 2019, the APHA continued to partner with Economical Insurance to offer special group pricing on home and auto insurance to our members. APHA direct members receive the identical discount rate offered to CPHA members. Economic Insurance is APHA's third corporate partnership, joining Broadway Across Canada (2018) and Costco (2017).

The M&C committee will continue to examine appropriate corporate partnership this coming year.

COMMUNICATIONS

M&C committee implemented several communication initiatives for APHA in the past year.

- a. **Newsletter:** Three newsletters or communications were emailed to APHA during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- b. **Website:** There were no major changes to the APHA website this year.
- c. **Member Events:**
 - a. Supported *Campus Alberta Health Outcomes and Public Health* event co-hosted by APHA and U of A School of Public Health: Better Health Outcomes Through the Social Determinants
 - b. Member engagement to support compliance with public health best practices in the Alberta governments Supervised Consumption Site Services review.
 - c. Member engagement to support participation in the federal election to support a health-in-all-policies approach
- d. **Social Media:** APHA continued participate in social media in the past year with an effort to expand APHA's connectivity and influence via social media tools. Below are the statistics for our social media at the end the APHA's 2019-2010 fiscal year:

APHA Followers vs. Following	
Facebook	2020
Followers	119
Following (Likes)	96
Twitter	
Followers	243
Following	274
LinkedIn	
Followers	82
Following	0

SUMMARY

The past fiscal year has been a period of best-effort sustainability for the under-resourced M&C Committee.

We continued to encourage membership recruitment through our collaborative partnerships and have seen a reduction in the level of membership from 126 in 2018-2019 to 109 in 2019-2020.

There were also few communication initiatives this past year, due to diminishing resource limitations. However, we did engage membership in efforts to support policy development in the province.

It is my hope that we can recruit more volunteers to assist with membership and communication projects as our committee is very aware of many unrealized opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my deep appreciation and utmost respect for each M&C committee member in 2019-20 (in alphabetical order):

- Angeline Webb
- Chelsea Tan
- Lindsay McLaren

I also want to acknowledge the unheralded day-to-day role of APHA member Cathy Gladwin for managing our online APHA membership transactions. As well, thanks to Cynthia Weijs for help on our Facebook and other social media postings. And a special thanks to Qendresa Beka for all her dedication and expertise in supporting the website.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kenn Bur, Director-at-Large
Chair, Membership & Communications Committee

Student Committee Report

The Student Committee is responsible for promoting student membership in the Association and planning and executing student public health initiatives. This committee works to:

- 1) Recruits students with a public health interest for General and Board Membership of the Association, as well as inviting them to participate in Work Groups.
- 2) Organize and facilitate public health initiatives tailored for students, including presentations and webinars discussing the opportunities available for volunteering and employment within public health.
- 3) Connects with and engages students in public health initiatives of the Association and encouraging them to participate in Committee activities (e.g., helping to facilitate and attend presentations and webinars)
- 4) Acts as a liaison between the Board and students; responding to student inquiries and connecting students with relevant Work Groups and/or Board Members of the Association.

The 2019 – 2020 fiscal year was an exciting one for the student committee. The committee chair Temi Famuyide, worked with 2 student committee volunteers: Stéphanie Caron-Roy (University of Calgary) and Alexa Ferdinands (University of Alberta) to:

- Build awareness of the APHA, it's role, objectives, and work throughout the province.
- Assess what post-secondary students want from a membership and being a member of the APHA (e.g. resources, webinars, seminars, job opportunities, mentorship).
- Help promote APHA membership
- Assist in the development of a 5 to 10 min speech/presentation about the APHA and our work with post-secondary institutions.

Temi and Stephanie developed a work plan for the committee that outlined tasks and activities geared at improving student engagement with the APHA this fiscal year. To that end, Temi and Stéphanie presented to students at the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta. The pre-recorded presentations provided students with a broad overview of the APHA, along with the APHA's key accomplishments, and the Student Committee's plan for student engagement for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

Temi, Stephanie and Alexa reached out to national, provincial and territorial public health associations to inquire about their experiences promoting student engagement, which they will summarize and consider how these learnings can be applied in the context of the APHA. This work will also inform the development of a student engagement survey planned for the winter 2021 term.

In the upcoming fiscal year, the Student Committee chair and volunteers hope to advance the committee's 2019/2020 work plan with continued focus on increasing APHA student engagement.

Respectfully submitted by
Temi Famuyide, Director-at-Large