



## **Determinants of Health**

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Submitted by the Sudbury & District Health Unit in collaboration with the  
Reference Panel

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**Resolution**

**WHEREAS** international and national bodies increasingly recognize the importance of policy and programme development that explicitly address the root causes of ill health, health inequalities and the needs of those who are affected by poverty and social disadvantage; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) and many Ontario public health agencies/units have acknowledged the importance of social and broader determinants of health to their public health work and have supported and implemented related public health policies and programmes; and

**WHEREAS** the Determining Health through Public Health Action 2005 joint OPHA/alPHa (Association of Local Public Health Agencies) conference including the Determinants of Health: Developing an Action Plan for Public Health stream has explicitly created opportunities for awareness promotion, informed public health debate and action recommendations on social and broader determinants of health with the goals of informing local public health practice and provincial public health policy/mandate on social and broader determinants of health;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the OPHA request the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario to engage in an inclusive process to examine the role of Ontario's public health system in addressing social and broader determinants of health; and

**FURTHER THAT** this examination inform the current local public health capacity review process, the review and revision of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, and the scope and role of the proposed Health Protection and Promotion Agency; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Children and Youth Services and Health Promotion, the Boards and constituent societies of OPHA and alPHa, and the Public Health Agency of Canada for their information and review.

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