



## **ACHSC Historical Events Timeline**

Last Updated: July, 2009

### **1990's**

- Incorporated with Alberta Society's Act as non-profit organization
- Volunteer executive with one chair, limited sources of funding (mostly from forums, no membership fees)
- Hosted annual forums/conferences (often held in conjunction with HPEC or CAHPERD)
- Major role was sharing information / resources / connections amongst individuals across the province interested in comprehensive school health

### **2001**

- Alberta Coalition for School Health (ACSH) became Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities (ACHSC) at the May Annual General meeting.
- Current Co-chair structure was initiated (one each from health and education sectors)
- Had a Facilitated Visioning Day (by Sandra Winnick & Associates) to re-visit the vision & purpose of ACHSC and to develop the first strategic action plan.
- ACHSC website and new logo developed
- Annual forums and regular distribution of newsletters/communiqués began

### **2002-2006**

- Presentations:
  - Alberta's Commission on Learning (Jan 2002)
  - Alberta Children & Youth Initiative (May 2004)
  - Southern Alberta Child & Youth Health Network (May 2006)
  - Community University Partnership for Study of Children Youth and Families steering committee
  - Alberta Healthy Living Network
  - College of Alberta School Superintendents
  - Council of Medical Health Officers
  - Alberta Home and School Council Association
  - Alberta Public Health Association
  - Edmonton Catholic Schools' AISI projects
  - ACHSC was a participant in the consultation process for Provincial Government's "Healthy Alberta School Communities Initiative"
- First Stakeholder Consultation meeting @ Nisku Inn (2003)
- Public Health Agency of Canada grants received for 2004, 2005, 2006 and Coordinator hired (Lori-Baugh Littlejohns)
- ACHSC conferences held 2005 & 2006 with over 200 delegates attending
- Website re-designed and usage increased
- 5 year Strategic Plan developed
- Database of network members and partners developed
- Regular teleconferencing with Canadian Association for School Health (CASH)

- Position papers:
  - Recommendations for ACHSC Organizational and Governance Structure
  - Socio-economic Disadvantage: Health & Education Outcomes for School-Aged Children and Youth
  - Foundations for School Nutrition Initiatives in Alberta
- Proposal to Minister of Health, Iris Evans (July 2006) which was a plan for an Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund
- On-Line Survey - Building the ACHSC network through knowledge exchange
- ACHSC Representative on other organizations e.g. Ever Active Schools, Alberta Healthy Living Network, etc.

#### 2007-2008

- Hosted guest speaker, Janine Phillips (Health Promoting Schools Coordinator, South Australia) who presented the SMART tool and health promotion charter in both Edmonton and Calgary
- Partnership project with Alberta Education and Alberta Health & Wellness regarding an Environmental Scan of Alberta School and Health Authority school health promotion policies and programs
- Healthy School Communities Wellness Fund - partnership project with Alberta Health & Wellness and U of A School Of Public Health
- Alberta Public Health Association (APHA) Merit Award Recipient (2007)
- Hosted *The Time is Now: Taking Action on School Health* symposium in partnership with the Alberta School Board Association, which engaged the education sector to a greater extent than in previous events

#### 2008-2009

- Formed a task force to address health disparities experienced by the Aboriginal population
- Hosted a series of regional team meetings in partnership with the regional health authorities
- A member of the board met with the Medical Officers of Health to brief them on the regional team meetings
- Provided presentations at the Alberta School Board Association AGM and National School Board Conference
- Hosted *The Time is Now: School Communities Catch Health* symposium in partnership with the Alberta School Board Association to share successes from around the province
- In June 2009, held a strategic planning day with board members to reflect on the purpose, governance and future of ACHSC
- Held a meeting with the senior executive from the Alberta School Board Association, College of Alberta School Superintendents, Alberta Teachers Association and Alberta School Council Association