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**Attachments:** [A19-9 Quality Licensed Child Care CORRECTED.pdf](#)

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ATTENTION:

All Board of Health Members / Members of Health & Social Service Committees  
All Senior Public Health Managers

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Further to the June 14<sup>th</sup> email below, it has come to alPHA's attention that Resolution A19-9, *Public Health Support for Accessible, Affordable, Quality Licensed Child Care*, contained two errors, one each in the second last and last "And Further" clauses.

The second last clause included an amendment that did not pass (i.e., amendment in bolded italics as follows: "including establishing an early years and child care workforce strategy ***to maintain and***, to ensure child care professionals are adequately qualified and compensated") and the last clause incorrectly identified the College of Early Childhood ***Educators*** as the College of Early Childhood Education.

The corrected version of the resolution is attached and may also be found online in the [Disposition of 2019 Resolutions](#) document.

Regards,

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**PLEASE ROUTE TO:**

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Below is a link to the disposition document regarding the June 2019 alPHa Resolutions, which were reviewed at this week's Annual General Meeting.

[Disposition of 2019 alPHa Resolutions](#)

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**alPHA RESOLUTION A19-9 (Corrected)**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Public Health Support for Accessible, Affordable, Quality Licensed Child Care</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit</b>
WHEREAS	the Ontario Public Health Standards indicate the child care sector is an important setting for Public Health interventions, related to the Standards for Health Equity, Healthy Growth and Development, Immunization, Institutional Outbreak Management, Infection Prevention, Food Safety and others; and
WHEREAS	supporting families and healthy early childhood development is a core part of the mandate of public health; and
WHEREAS	early childhood experiences and socioeconomic status (SES) are important social determinants of health, and are supported by affordable, accessible, quality child care; and
WHEREAS	the positive effects of high quality child care and early learning programs can last a lifetime and are associated with immediate and long-term positive outcomes for children, particularly for children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; and
WHEREAS	the current number of licensed child care spaces across Ontario can accommodate less than 1 in 4 (23%) children from ages 0-4; and
WHEREAS	Ontario has the highest child care costs provincially, with parents spending \$750-\$1700 per month for licensed child care, totalling between \$9,000-\$20,000+ per year for each child; and
WHEREAS	public investment in child care demonstrates positive economic benefits; in Ontario, the return on investment is \$2.27 for every dollar invested; and
WHEREAS	the Ontario government's plan for a refundable tax credit for child care costs will not improve access to quality licensed child care spaces, requires initial out of pocket expenses by families, and may thereby increase health inequities; and
WHEREAS	Ontario has the lowest rate of women's workforce participation nationally; recognizing income is a key social determinant of health for Canadian families; and
WHEREAS	no provincial standard or definition for quality of child care exists; most of Ontario's municipalities have a quality assurance coordinator, however only half are using a measurement tool to assess quality of child care; and
WHEREAS	there is a shortage of Registered Early Childhood Educators in Ontario, in part due to the low compensation they receive and burdensome workplace conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that alPHa will endorse the importance of an accessible, affordable, quality child care and early learning system, for improved health equity for families and enhanced child development outcomes;

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa will advocate to the provincial and federal governments to maintain their commitment to ensuring a more affordable child care system, and to expand access to quality, licensed child care services for all Ontario families, including access for families with diverse needs (eg. 24 hour care, weekend care, part time care);

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa will advocate to the province to maintain its commitment towards creating a provincial definition of quality, including establishing an early years and child care workforce strategy, to ensure child care professionals are adequately qualified and compensated;

**AND FURTHER** that alPHa will support local public health agencies to:

- enhance their knowledge and transfer knowledge to decision-makers and the general public about the health impacts of the current state of the child care system and the importance of progressing towards an increasingly accessible, affordable, quality child care system; this could be initiated at an upcoming alPHa forum.
- build capacity to support the child care sector, by sharing examples of best practices for public health programming in child care environments and useful approaches for creating and enhancing partnerships with child care providers; this could be initiated through professional development opportunities in collaboration with partner organizations, in particular the College of Early Childhood Educators.

***ACTION FROM CONFERENCE: Carried as amended***