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To the Honourable Ken Kowalski  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

The Standing Committee on Health has the honour to submit its Report on Public Meetings for consideration by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

The Standing Committee on Health (the "Committee") met on three occasions in November 2008 to hold public meetings pursuant to Standing Order 52.08(1). This Standing Order provides:

52.08(1) A Policy Field Committee may hold public meetings on any matter within its mandate.

The Committee heard from a variety of presenters, including seven organizations, one individual, and the Department of Health and Wellness. In the first public meeting, held on November 3, 2008, the Committee heard from the Honourable Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Gerry Predy, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health. This meeting was initiated following the approval of a motion by the Committee on September 10, 2008:

MOVED by Dr. Sherman that the Standing Committee on Health request the attendance of the Minister of Health and the Acting Medical Officer of Health to respond to questions related to the delivery of public health to Alberta.

The final two meetings dealt with a variety of issues within the Committee's mandate. Section 2.0 of this report lists those who presented at the meetings and the topics of their presentations.

## 2.0 Summary of Public Meetings

The following table sets out the organizations, and presenters representing those organizations, that appeared before the Committee in three public meetings held on November 3, 18 and 24, 2008, as well as a brief description of the subject matter of their presentations.

ORGANIZATION	PRESENTERS	SUBJECT MATTER
<b>November 3, 2008</b>		
Department of Health and Wellness	Hon. Ron Liepert Dr. Gerry Predy	Delivery of public health in Alberta
<b>November 18, 2008</b>		
Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families	Danica Frazer Susan Gardiner Patty Kilgallon Nancy Laird	Support for agencies serving vulnerable children and families
Alberta Disabilities Forum	Melita Avdagovska Michelle Kristinson Bev Matthiessen Tamina Selig	Access to medications for Albertans with disabilities
Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation	Don Cranston, Q.C. Dr. Ted Purcell	Reinstating access to patient names and contact information under the <i>Health Information Act</i> for the purposes of grateful patient fundraising
Alberta Provincial Respiratory Strategy	Dr. Dean Befus Dr. Bob Cowie Gina Ibach Dr. Brent Winston	Phase II of the Alberta Provincial Respiratory Strategy (Alberta Breathes)
Campaign for a Smoke-Free Alberta	Dr. Fred Ashbury Les Hagen Barb Olsen	Tobacco consumption in Alberta
<b>November 24, 2008</b>		
Lethbridge Association for Community Living	Alison Ainsworth	Provincial funding for service animals
N/A	Dr. John T. Huang	Improving vision care in southern Alberta
Alberta Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (AAMIMH)	Sharon Sutherland Pierre Berube Tom Shand	Mental illness and mental health