

CHICA-CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO

2010 Executive:

President: Teri Murduff RN BScN CIC
President-elect: remained vacant
Secretary: Colleen Haley RN
Treasurer: Margaret Jay RN CIC
Past President: Sharon Connell RN CIC
Education Committee Chair: Leanne Harding RN

2011 Executive

President: remains vacant and until it is filled Teri Murduff will remain in the position
President-elect: Denise Kearsey
Secretary: Janessa Dee
Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN CIC
Past President: Teri Murduff RN BScN CIC
Education Committee Chair: Leanne Harding, RN

Number of Members: 35 members with the addition of invited guests at specific meetings

Geographic Area Served: The southern region includes Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within. We also welcome all members of CHICA who are located outside of our geographic region that wish to designate their membership or additional membership to the CHICA CEO chapter.

Membership: CHICA CEO chapter members are infection control professionals that represent several acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, community/home care services such as local community care access centres, two public health units and one regional infection control network.

Meetings

CHICA-CEO chapter meetings were booked in various locations through out the geographic area with attention to locations that did not have parking fees or if parking fees were in effect then the chapter paid the cost. CHICA-CEO chapter members gathered for four half days throughout 2010; timed from 9-12 and included refreshments. Format consisted of a set meeting agenda that included treasurer's update, business arising, new business, regional infection control network update, round table networking and an educational component. After the conference our agenda changed to include an opportunity to share from various interest groups and/or committee information. Throughout the year the education component varied for each meeting: January meeting guest speakers from the local Canadian Mental Health Association were invited; their topic was "Whistle While You Work" and featured many ways to deal with both personal and professional stress. April's meeting was a great networking opportunity that provided insight into various topics. June's meeting provided an opportunity to share the CHICA conference experience and finally the November meeting involved reviewing the environmental services educational tool that had been created by the Regional Infection Control Networks and providing feedback to them. Attendance at meetings was varied but our networking component did continue to be a good venue to share information. Acute care representation did tend to dominate the members in attendance however it has been refreshing to see more LTC members in attendance. First meeting planned for 2011 will provide the members with an opportunity to hear from our LTC sector as they present their challenges with public health directives on MRO's.

Initiatives Related to the CHICA-Canada 2010-2015 Strategic Plan

1. Goal One: Raise the profile of the association and its activities.

- continue to promote importance of CIC and support all members seeking CIC
- continued promotion of the CHICA website and utilization of CHICA connections
- maintain members list and utilize the local RICN mailing list for continued communication

2. Goal Two: Enhance the mix of products and services.

- retained a graphic designer for chapter logo development

- utilized the CHICA logo within the design
 - chapter website is being planned – Shirley McDonald has provided the necessary information to get us started
 - participate in review and evaluation of Environmental Services Best Practice Guideline provided by the RICNs
 - promote CHICA audit tools and offer support to members
3. *Goal Three: Expand the association's education initiatives.*
 - promote best practice documents from Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (Ontario) and offer support to members
 - promote CHICA endorsed IC courses and offer support to members
 4. *Goal Four: Expand and develop the membership base.*
 - chapter name has been changed to better reflect the geographic area
 - chapter logo has been developed utilizing the CHICA branding
 - chapter brochure to be updated to reflect all of the changes above
 - utilizing the RICN network mailing list has proven effective
 - exploring the use of videoconferencing technology to entice member meeting attendance
 5. *Goal Five: Provide national and international leadership.*
 - explore ways of being a sister chapter – have sought guidance from Carol Goldman and Zahir Hirji

Highlights

Celebrated several new certified members throughout 2010 and shared the success at each meeting. CEO was able to celebrate a free membership draw after the National Conference as one of three CHICA-Canada chapters which achieved the most significant increase in membership (62%) in 2009-2010.

*Teri Murduff RN BScN CIC
Chapter President*