

## CHICA-NOVA SCOTIA

### 2010 Executive

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**Number of Members:** CHICA NS consists of eighty-nine (89) members. The majority of members are from acute care or long term care settings. We are also fortunate to have members from home care, industry, and public health.

**Geographic Area Served:** The Province of Nova Scotia

### MEETINGS

The chapter met five times in 2010. Meetings were generally held on Friday afternoons in a healthcare site near Halifax. Members travel from all areas of the province to attend with some travelling up to four hours one way. Meeting format consists of committee meetings in the morning, a business meeting and networking lunch and a one hour Education Session.

In 2010 Education Sessions included:

**February:** Cleaning Audits: Peter Crouse from Swish.

**April:** Facilitating Adult Learning: Mary Thibault, Manager for Learning and Development, Isaac Walton Killam (IWK) Health Center, Halifax.

**May:** CHICA NS hosted a Novice Education Day in Cape Breton NS for novice Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners.

**June:** Conference Insights from CHICA Canada's 2010 Conference in Vancouver including short presentations from Kim Allain ICP and Patsy Rawding ICP.

**October:** A visit with Cathy Munford, Past President CHICA Canada and Tools for Standardizing Forensic Infection Prevention and Control Practices: Dean Smith ICP.

**November:** CHICA NS annual Education Symposium, "It's all About the Bugs". This annual education conference includes a day and a half with education sessions, poster presentations, networking, and a wine and cheese with vendors. The keynote speaker was Joanne Braithwaite: Managing the 4 PM Phone Call! Other speakers included Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed Nova Scotia Ministry of Health: Outbreak Management the Public Health Perspective; Dr. Mike Clory: Community-Acquired MRSA; Kathleen Vollman "Bugs Be Gone", sponsored by Sage; Kim Allain and Suzanne Rhodenizer Rose: Managing IPC Change Effectively; Dr. Ross Davidson: Water Bugs - What Will Water Testing Tell You; Elizabeth Watson: Talks on Pox; and Sheila Shepherd: Bed Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies!

The Symposium was a great success; we had record numbers attending the conference and had to close registrations the week before. During the conference CHICA NS raised funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and were able to donate over \$800.00 for AIDS relief in Africa.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- In May 2010, CHICA NS hosted a one day education conference in Cape Breton NS, at no cost to participants. The objective was to bring Infection Prevention and Control education into other areas of the province as well as deliver education to more disciplines, especially long term care. As this was so well received, we are exploring the feasibility of using this as a travelling “Road Show” to all areas of the province.
- Our annual CHICA NS conference was supported by 23 vendors from industry who set up exhibits for both days of the conference. The conference had 154 in attendance.
- The Executive and Education Chair met in April for an annual planning session, revising the Terms of Reference and revisiting our strategic plan. The revised Terms of Reference were approved during our meeting in October 2010.
- Several CHICA NS members were able to take part in the CHICA Canada national conference in Vancouver. CHICA NS awarded seven sponsorships for members to attend the conference. Three CHICA NS members were recipients of a Virox scholarship for 2010.

## **CHAPTER GOAL AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2011:**

- Development of Interest Groups, especially long term care within the province, in association with the CHICA - Canada Interest groups.
- Continue to increase educational learning opportunities for novice Infection Control Practitioners.
- Increase support and educational sessions by utilizing our more experienced CHICA NS members and our industry partners.
- To continue to provide financial support to CHICA NS members pursuing education in Infection Prevention and Control.
- Increase membership with the formation of a Membership and Advocacy Committee.
- Continue with strategic planning.
- Increase the visibility of CHICA Nova Scotia within the province and explore opportunities to further inform the public of our role.
- Increase the advocacy role of CHICA NS at the provincial and national level.

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