

CHICA-OTTAWA REGION

2010 Executive

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Communication Coordinator: Suzanne Rowland RN BScN CIC

Number of Members: CHICA Ottawa-Region has total of 93 members.

Geographic Area Served: Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and the Outaouais Region.

Membership

CHICA Ottawa-Region's membership includes representation from acute care, long term care, community care, paramedics, industry, federal government, federal corrections, public health, and Champlain Infection Control Network. Approximately 31 of our 94 members are CIC certified and five members attained certification in 2010.

Meetings

The chapter met five times throughout the year for a half day. The standard agenda consisted of business arising, CHICA Ottawa-Region executive reports, CHICA Canada reports, external partners reports and members' round table. A 1-hour education session was held at all five meetings. The executive committee met an additional three times over the course of the year. Video conferencing was available for meetings as requested.

Post meeting education sessions were:

- Tuberculosis and Public Health Management with Lori Royea from Ottawa Public Health,
- 2013 CHICA National Conference Planning with Gerry Hansen from CHICA Canada,
- Syndromic Surveillance with Cameron McDermaid from Ottawa Public Health,
- Routine Practices and Additional Precautions Assessment and Educational Tools with Katherine DeFalco from the Public Health Agency of Canada
- PIDAC's Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections and The Challenges for Implementation with Francis Leblanc from ARAMARK Canada

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

This past year was exciting and challenging for CHICA Ottawa-Region. In September 2010 a strategic planning day was held to review the CHICA Ottawa-Region vision, mission, short term and long term goals with the intention to align our activities and efforts with the national goals while meeting local needs. Twelve chapter members participated in the half day event. The results were very successful and many activities and workgroups have been established to carry out these activities. The following goals were identified as priorities.

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

CHICA Ottawa Region has developed a Communications Coordinator position on the executive for a 3-year term to develop a workgroup that will proceed with the development of the website and CHICA Ottawa-Region banner. CHICA Ottawa Region members will be promoting their participation with CHICA when presenting to groups.

Goal: Expand the association's education initiatives.

CHICA Ottawa Region has also expanded its Education Committee to include a coordinator and a few members. We have increased our education conference days to take place on a yearly basis. In the spring of 2010 CHICA

Ottawa Region partnered with CHICA Renfrew and provided a full day of education “The Pot Pourri of Pathogens” in Arnprior Ontario, half way between Ottawa and Renfrew. The day was sponsored by corporate members and non-members and was a sold out event. In order to assist CHICA Renfrew with their educational initiatives CHICA Ottawa Region agreed to provide CHICA Renfrew with any of the profits from the day, as a result CHICA Renfrew is planning another full day event in the spring of 2011. The two chapters look forward to another opportunity to work together.

CHICA Ottawa Region is planning a conference day for the spring of 2011; the planning committee for this event was selected in December 2010.

Goal: Expand and develop the membership base

The CHICA Ottawa Region strategic planning day identified target groups to focus on for increasing membership such as long term care homes, retirement home community as well as community and home care groups. We have also identified that engagement and commitment by the membership in the chapter as key initiatives to help promote CHICA.

CHICA Ottawa Region was well represented at the National 2010 Conference in Vancouver with approximately 18 members registered. Approximately five chapter members contributed to the conference as presenter for either oral or poster presentations. We provided financial support for 5 chapter members and one of our members won “First Time Abstract Submission Award”.

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