

## **COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE INTEREST GROUP**

The inaugural meeting of this interest group was held during the national CHICA conference in Edmonton, Alberta in June 2007 with about twenty attendees. Shelley Sing acted as Chair, stating she would be willing to let her name stand as Co-Chair or Chair for the term.

The definition of “community”, as well as Terms of Reference, were briefly discussed, as well as a number of issues concerning the group. Following the meeting, Gwyneth Meyers from Calgary, Alberta offered to become Co-Chair and Risa Cashmore stated she would be willing to be the Secretary. Minutes of this meeting have been sent to the CHICA webmaster and have since been posted on the CHICA website Community Health Care Interest Group.

By the time of our first national teleconference, the group had grown to 31 members. We held our first national teleconference Friday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 2007. The draft Terms of Reference were reviewed and revised and have been sent on to the Board for their review. A definition of “community” was once again discussed and standing agenda items were agreed upon for every teleconference, with the next slated for early April 2008. Shelley Sing presented the power point initially created by the first chair about the initial steps in developing this interest group. Risa Cashmore also presented on her role as Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner in Public Health in the Peel Region of Ontario. The minutes of the teleconference have been sent on to CHICA for posting on the website.

*Shelley Sing and Gwyneth Meyers, Co-Chairs*

## **DIALYSIS INTEREST GROUP**

The Dialysis Interest Group (DIG):

- Met for three hours in Edmonton, June 9, 2007
- Has expanded membership, to 72 members
- Developed the Position Statement, “Infection Prevention and Control Measures to Prevent Transmission of Hepatitis B Among Hemodialysis Patients”, available at: <http://www.chica.org/pdf/hemodialysisHBV.pdf>
- Twelvemember Working Group created to develop Recommendations for Screening in Hemodialysis Patients
  - Considering MRSA/VRE admission and transfer screening, perhaps prevalence screening
  - 1 teleconference, much email discussion
  - Status: working draft created
- Webpage ([http://www.chica.org/Members/members\\_dial.html](http://www.chica.org/Members/members_dial.html))
  - Much email discussion amongst members. Questions, with summary of responses, are posted to the DIG webpage in Frequently Asked Questions section
  - Other resources also posted to the webpage (e.g., Package for Working Groups Planning for Pandemic Influenza for Hemodialysis)

*Molly Blake BN GCN(C) MHS, Chair*  
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