

CHICA PEEL CHAPTER

2009 Executive

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Number of Members: 15 members

Geographic Area Served: Region of Peel including Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon municipalities. Borders include Etobicoke Creek and 427 (east), #9 highway and Caledon/Garafrax Town Line (north) and Winston Churchill and Ninth Line (west)

Membership

Chapter members work in long term care; public health; acute care; fire services; police service; paramedic service; industry (e.g. Virox, Wilshire Works Solutions); correctional services, community; regional infection control networks; Ontario Agency for Health Promotion and Protection.

Meetings

Three chapter meetings were held in 2009:

- June 16, 2009: an exploratory meeting to see if a Peel Chapter was a viable option
- September 22, 2009: Guest Speaker – “Environmental Cleaning: What your mother didn’t teach you! by Lee Nesbitt, Virox Technologies
- November 5, 2009: Guest Speaker - “Positive Deviance – A New Approach to an old Problem” - by Leah Gitterman, Technical Specialist Infection Prevention and Control, University Health Network

2010 meeting plan: 8-10 meetings per year

Proposed Format:

- 9-10am administration
- 10-11am networking (issues, problems or topics for discussion with members)
- 11-12 pm connections (sharing of successes, job opportunities, new ideas etc.)
- 12-1 pm lunch
- 1-2 pm for education (internal/external speakers; hot topics or topics relevant or of interest to the group)
- 2-3 pm committee and executive meetings

Highlights

Special events:

- Inaugural meeting June 16, 2009
- Ratified as the 21st Chapter of Peel, November 2009

Education Days:

- to be planned for 2010

Awards Received:

- Natalie Hiltz – Police Commendation Award 2009 for the Personal Protection Strategy model for situational risk assessment and response for IPAC. Educational rollout of model includes training, video

Members' Special Accomplishments:

- Certification in Infection Control: 4 persons
- Central West Infection Control Network (CWICN) partnered with two other RICNS (CRICN and TCICN), Toronto Public Health and other Community providers to provide an Education day for Community Partners (“The Bug Stops Here”)
- CWICN also took part in the Wellington-Dufferin Guelph “Infection Connection” Education day.
- CWICN has also provided two education days for new ICPs in LTC
- Peel Public Health with CWICN hosted the Peel LTC Infection Control Education Day. The Mississauga Halton Infection Control Network contributed by sponsoring a speaker.

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