

## COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE INTEREST GROUP

- No co-chair as of Spring 2009
- Meetings:
  - Teleconference April 23 – seven attendees
  - Face to face meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 attendees
  - Public Health Professionals wish to establish their own CHICA-Canada Interest Group; however Anne Bialachowski recommended after the face-to-face meeting in St. John's that, for now, they could remain a part of the Community Health Interest Group; Public Health had no specific differences to justify separation from the CHICA-CHI group.
  - Verbal offer made to the Public Health Professionals in Ontario to have one of their members become our Co-Chair; no one stepped forward
  - Planned teleconference meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> cancelled due to H1N1
- Development of Position Statement Subcommittee
  - six meetings with numerous e-mail correspondence in between
  - seven members (four regular attendees)
  - Topic: Cleaning and Disinfection of Multi-Use Equipment in Community Settings
    - Topic was approved by Dr. Bonnie Henry (Director Standards and Guidelines)
    - Expect to send for external stakeholder review before the end of the year
    - Anticipated completion: Spring 2010
- Membership
  - 44 members on e-mail distribution list
- Mailers (inquiries, sharing of information) to e-mail distribution list –8

*Shelley Sing CIC, Chair*

*Risa Cashmore CIC, Secretary*

## DIALYSIS INTEREST GROUP

As of June 11, 2009 the group had 87 members, 20 who attended the meeting at the annual conference in St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador. The co-chairs of this group, Stephanie Trowbridge and Deb Hobbs were both unable attend, so the acting chair was Molly Blake and the recording secretary was Monique Liarakos. A twelve member working group developed a document, DIG Screening Recommendations for Routine Surveillance of Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and Vancomycin Resistant *Enterococci* in the Hemodialysis Setting. This was sent to the Director of Standards and Guidelines for feedback, which has been since been received and it is near completion.

The Dialysis Interest Group conducted a cross-country survey on PD practices related to infection prevention and control. The survey has been completed and will be posted on the DIG website.

*Deborah Hobbs RN BScN CIC*

*Chair*