

HEALTHCARE FACILITY AND DESIGN INTEREST GROUP

The Healthcare Facility and Design Interest Group met at the CHICA-Canada 2009 Education Conference held in St. John's, Newfoundland. The Terms of Reference were presented to the group and sent out via email. No changes were brought forth and thus the Terms of Reference have been formally accepted by the group. During the meeting there was good discussion on the design of pediatric facilities. The group brainstormed on areas that could be focused on in the future including;

- Audit Tools/Checklist for pre, during, and post construction to be circulated among members
- Develop a booklet from member input across Canada that would include Occupational Health and Safety, Infection Prevention and Control, and Fire Safety for all construction personnel entering our facilities to do construction and renovation.
- Implement use of CHICA discussion board for questions and assistance with issues related to either construction/renovation or design. Create a compendium list that includes experiences (to be used as a resource of ICP's).

New Business

We would like to report that Karen Stockton has stepped down as co-chair of the interest group. We thank her for all of her time and expertise in her role with the interest group and hope that she will still play an active role. Our new co-chair is Maja McGuire from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Barb and Maja hope to start some new projects for 2010 and onwards.

Future Endeavors:

The group is looking forward to meeting again at the 2010 Educational Conference in Vancouver. There are a number of new initiatives that will be brought forth to the group at the conference and via email correspondence. One item we hope to have instituted soon is a Frequently Asked Questions area on the CHICA interest group webpage. To facilitate this process, an email address was created for the group that the co-chairs will monitor and gather info to share. The email address is: chicacdig@gmail.com

Barb Shea, Co-Chair

LONG TERM CARE INTEREST GROUP

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