

CHICA – VANCOUVER ISLAND

Executive 2009

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Executive 2010

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Geographic Area Served: Vancouver Island

Membership

We continue to be a small group of practitioners but numbers are increasing. Our aim is to continue to working in supporting care providers in all settings. We continue to network with those in community care and other non-traditional areas who have a responsibility for infection prevention and control. Benefits of CHICA membership is encouraged at each meeting. Members were informed of the benefits of national positions within the association.

Meetings

Meetings have been limited to one teleconference this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Corresponding members gave formal review of CHICA national activities and conference highlights. Members were encouraged to use the web-board section of the Members Only Area of the CHICA web site to ask questions and share issues.

Highlights

Three members attended the 2009 National Education Conference in Newfoundland Labrador; the chapter will be supportive in attending Vancouver 2010. CHICA-VI was fortunate to host the CHICA Canada/BD Roadshow in Victoria this year. A number of our members were in attendance and feedback was positive.

Other Issues

A number of other issues were discussed at each meeting: education for ICPs, and outbreak management in a variety of settings including the use of different precautions. Local issues were reviewed. All members were encouraged to share success stories, useful tools, and other initiatives with each other and the Canadian Journal of Infection Control. There was also discussion concerning getting new members into the chapter.

Joanne Baines RN BSc(Hons)
Chapter President 2009