



CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO (CEO)

2011 Executive

President: Myonne Allan MLT CIC
President-elect: Denise Kearsy RN BN CIC
Secretary: Janessa Dee BSc
Treasurer: Sharon Connell RN, CIC

2012 Executive

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Number of Members: 26 members

Geographic Area Served: The central east region includes Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough and Campbellford, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within. We also welcome all members of CHICA who are located outside of our geographic region that wish to designate their membership or additional membership to the CHICA CEO chapter.

Membership

CHICA CEO chapter members are infection control professionals that represent several acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, community/home care services such as local community care access centers, two public health units and one regional infection control network.

Meetings

CHICA-CEO chapter meetings were booked in various locations through our geographic area and once by videoconference in February. CHICA- CEO chapter members gathered for four half days throughout 2011 (February, April, June and October) from 0900 - 1200 and the meetings included refreshments. The videoconference was held in February in order to limit the amount of travelling in the winter months. Format consisted of a set meeting agenda that included treasurer's update, business arising, new business, regional infection control network update, round table networking and an educational component. Following the national conference in June, members had an opportunity to share information gained from the conference. Most members attended at least one day of the conference in Toronto due to the proximal location to our region. Throughout the year the education component varied for each meeting: February meeting members shared a review of the TPIC RICN education day that was held earlier in the month. April's meeting guest speaker was from a Long Term Care Facility (LTC) and the topic was "Perspective to LTC Challenges". June's meeting speaker was Janessa Dee whose topic was "Handy Audit", a hand hygiene compliance system, a tool to capture hand hygiene audits electronically which eliminates all of the manual work involved in hand hygiene audits. In October, guest speaker was Jeff Brink from Mariner who presented another version of an electronic 'Hand Hygiene Audit Tool'. In 2010, the committee developed guidelines for providing funding to members to attend conferences. Attendance at meetings was sparse but the meetings offer a good opportunity to network face to face with colleagues.

Highlights

One of our members was chosen to present a poster at the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) in Italy. Leanne Harding went to Italy to present her poster on Applying LEAN Methodology to reduce Clostridium Difficile Infection Rates. Well done, Leanne!

Initiatives Related to the CHICA-Canada 2010-2015 Strategic Plan

1. Goal One: Raise the profile of the association and its activities.

- continue to promote importance of CIC and support all members seeking CIC
- continued promotion of the CHICA website and utilization of CHICA connections
- maintain members list and utilize the local RICN mailing list for continued communication

2. Goal Two: Enhance the mix of products and services.

- chapter website is in draft form – Teri Murdoff and Shirley McDonald are working in collaboration to get this going.
- promote CHICA audit tools and offer support to members

3. Goal Three: Expand the association's education initiatives.

- promote best practice documents from Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (Ontario) and offer support to members
- promote CHICA endorsed IC courses and offer support to members

4. Goal Four: Expand and develop the membership base.

- chapter brochure is complete and available
- utilizing the RICN network mailing list has proven effective
- videoconferencing technology was used successfully in February to increase membership attendance

5. Goal Five: Provide national and international leadership.

- explore ways of being a sister chapter – have sought guidance from Carol Goldman and Zahir Hirji

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