

## CHICA –Central East Ontario

### Annual Report 2013

#### **2013 Executive**

**President: Denise Kearsley RN BN CIC**

**President Elect: Leanne Harding RN**

**Secretary: Janessa McGuire BSc**

**Treasurer: Sharon Connell RN CIC**

**Number of Member: 29**

#### **Geographic Area Served**

The Central East region includes Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough and Campbellford, west to Durham Region and north to the Haliburton Highland. We also welcome all members of CHICA who are located outside of our geographic region who wish to designate their membership or additional membership to the CHICA-CEO Chapter.

#### **Membership**

CHICA-CEO chapter members are infection control professionals who represent acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, community/home care services, public health units and a regional infection control network. This year we were pleased to welcome more industry representatives to the chapter.

#### **Meetings**

CHICA-CEO chapter meetings are held four times a year at various locations throughout our geographic area. Three sessions were held by videoconference. Meetings are half-days in the mornings. An Education session is usually held first followed by the meeting with a set agenda including treasurer's update, business arising, new business, regional infection control network update, and a round table networking session. Topics for the education session:

- February- A review of the presentations at TPIC
- June- Highlights from CHICA Conference
- December- Archived presentation From Dr. Maureen Cividino on "Beyond Hand Hygiene, Keeping Your Hands Safe as Well as Clean"

#### **Highlights**

Initial CIC certification- Catherine Kerr and Susan Day

Recertification- Sharon Connell

Our Chapter website is now live and a great deal of thanks to Teri Murduff for her work on the website.

Six Chapter members were able to attend the annual CHICA conference in Ottawa and the chapter was able to provide some financial support to those attending.

We continue to work on building our membership base in support of CHICA Strategic Plan. We are able to use videoconferencing for most of our meeting and we hope this will increase attendance at meeting. Planning is underway for a Chapter Education Day in 2014 where we hope to raise awareness of CHICA and attract new membership.

CHICA-CEO Chapter remains vibrant through the continuing efforts of dedicated members.

Denise Kearsey, RN, BN, CIC  
Chapter President  
CHICA-CEO