

## **IPAC – Central East Ontario (CEO) Chapter 2014 Annual Report**

### **Current Year's Executive 2014**

**President:** Leanne Harding RN, CIC, ETN

**President-elect:** not filled

**Secretary:** Denise Kearsy RN, BN, CIC

**Treasurer:** Sharon Connell RN, CIC

### **Next Year's Executive 2015**

**President:** Leanne Harding RN, CIC, ETN

**President-elect:** Andrea Groff BA, DHMNS, CIC

**Secretary:** Christina Murphy BScHons, MHSc

**Treasurer:** Sharon Connell RN, CIC

**Number of Members: 31**

### **Geographic Area Served:**

IPAC CEO includes Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough and Campbellford, west to the City of Kawartha Lakes, south 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 IPAC-CEO Chapter.

### **Membership:**

We have a total of 29 members:

- 16 members from Acute Care Hospitals,
- 5 from Long-Term Care,
- 3 Industry/Company representatives,
- 1 from Community Care,
- 1 from Community Access to Care,
- 1 from Mental Health-care Facility, and
- 2 other general members.

### **Meetings:**

The IPAC CEO half day meetings are held on a quarterly basis, rotating to various locations throughout our geographic region; making it easier for our members to attend a meeting in their area.

There is a business component of our meetings where we share with our members the treasurer's report. This enables our members to be aware of the money our Chapter has to support members in attending the IPAC Canada Annual conference. At every meeting there is an education session presented by our members who volunteer to present a topic of interest to the group. A few of the topics presented include; how to critically appraise research literature, and Your top 10 operating room infection prevention questions. At the June meeting, the members who attend the IPAC Canada Annual Conference provide a report back to the chapter members who were not able to attend, on information they learned from the various subcommittee/interest group meetings and provide a brief overview of the presentations they

attended. The CEICN PHO representative provides an update on Public Health Ontario IPAC activities. There is also an opportunity for our members to review a CIC study questions, where our members volunteer to come up with a questions and all the members then do the research coming prepared to discuss the answer to the questions.

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

#### **1. *Raise the profile of the association and its activities.***

In an effort to increase our Chapter's visibility in our area; a group of the Chapter members conducted learning needs survey by phone, of our members and non-members in our region; inquiring about their learning needs and to reach out with the hope of attracting more members to our Chapter.

In response to the results of our surveys; IPAC CEO hosted a Long-Term Care Education day in November 2014. Guest speakers included Dr. Allsion McGeer presented on Emerging/Re-emergence diseases; Helen Christou from Fairview Lodge LTC home and Kelly Holmes from HKPR District Health unit presented on Outbreak Management; Keith Sopha presented on Improving the quality of cleaning through certification; Health Candon from PHO CEICN presented on utilizing IPAC resources; Dr. Daniel Ricciuto from Lakerdige Health gave a presentation on Antimicrobial Stewardship – UTI treatment and antibiotic use; Jim Gauthier gave a presentation on infection prevention tips for care providers. There were 65 people in attendance from Long-Term Care homes, Public Health, Community Care agencies and acute care settings.

#### **2. *Expand and develop the membership base:***

One of the questions in the LTC Education Day evaluation was asking participants if they were members of IPAC Canada and if not would they like to become members and learn more about the IPAC CEO local chapter. Out of the 48 evaluations returned there were 20 individuals responded that they wanted to learn more about membership to IPAC Canada and our chapter.

Moving forward for 2015 - IPAC CEO Executive has planned to follow up with each of the individuals to provide more information about the rewards with joining IPAC Canada and our local chapter.

#### **3. *Expand the association's education initiatives.***

In light of current economic conditions and financial restricts that all Healthcare facilities are encountering; IPAC CEO has implemented a new strategy for 2015 to host our chapter meetings via OTN which will increase our member's accessibility to chapter meetings. We plan to host a face to face full day fall meeting at which we will complete an IPAC table top exercise with the topic not yet decided. We plan to invite all our IPAC community partners to participate.

### **Highlights**

2014 was an excellent year for IPAC CEO with hosting the Long-Term Care education day. The 2015 IPAC CEO Executive is excited to move forward with hosting our meetings via OTN. Our members appear to appreciate this new way of meeting for our area, as there were 15 members that participated in our first chapter meeting. We have also been able to recruit and fill the President Elect position, as well as attracting a new member to be our Secretary.

Respectively submitted by Leanne Harding IPAC CEO 2015 President