

# CHNM

**Community Health Nurses of Manitoba**

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## **CHNC ANNUAL CONFERENCE in WINNIPEG in 2015**

We are hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual CHNC conference in Winnipeg, **June 22-24** at the Delta Hotel.

In addition to an exciting program, the Hospitality Committee is planning some unique and fun activities.

See additional information in this newsletter!

**PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES OF CANADA (CHNC) CONFERENCE**  
CHNM is most excited about hosting the conference this year. Our local Hospitality Committee is planning a Welcome Reception on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> based on the theme “Taste of a Manitoba Social.” There will be traditional “social” foods, as well as music and door prizes. In addition, we have arranged for a reception and tour at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information about the conference, the program and how to register, go to [www.chnc.ca](http://www.chnc.ca).

**SUPPORT FROM CHNM TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE**  
CHNM is pleased to be able to offer some financial support to enable nurses and/or nursing students to attend the conference. We have some funds from a CHNC Seed Grant that will be made available to subsidize the cost of the conference. We are currently developing eligibility criteria and a simple application process for this financial support. Please stay tuned for further details in the near future.

### **MESSAGE FROM KATHLEEN KLAASEN – MB REP CHNC BOARD**

Membership renewals are now underway for the Community Health Nurses of Canada. Please register today! Benefits of membership include:

- Provides an opportunity to be a voice in advancing community health nursing in Canada
- Enables access to countless resources on community health nursing practice, standards, competencies and issues
- Provides access to educational webinars, CHNC electronic newsletters
- Promotes networking with community health nurses from across Canada
- Qualifies you to apply for national bursaries, awards and reduced registration fees to the National CHNC Conference
- Much, much more

## UPCOMING EDUCATION SESSION – Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at CRNM

The professional practice working group is planning another educational event based on feedback provided by CHNM participants. This session will feature a joint presentation by Home Health and Public Health nurses. We aim to make the sessions practical, relevant and interactive.

Our last education session in November 2014 was well attended and very positively received. Our 2 speakers, Kelly Legaspi (home care nursing resource coordinator) and Cathie Pickerl (PHN) presented stories from their respective practices and how they were able to incorporate the CHNC standards of practice. Here is a summary of the online evaluation completed following the session:

- Participants came from urban, rural and remote settings
- Participants represented home health, public health and nursing education
- What they liked best – that it was offered both in person and online; hearing about home care successes; real life examples of nurses who are in practice; linking the CHNC standards of practice to everyday nursing practice
- Take away ideas – asking the presenters to come to speak to students and/or nursing teams at the office; the importance of assisting people with what they need to make better choices; greater awareness of resources to assist clients and families
- “much better appreciation of home care nursing practice”
- “have already made a referral to public health for one of my clients as a result of the presentation”



Judy Saltel-Olson, Cathie Pickerl, Claire Betker, Michelle Long, Sara Shuster (CHNM Steering Committee members). Missing: Cheryl Cusack, Edith-Rose Cairns, Kim Witges and Kathleen Klaasen.

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

**We Need You.** Yes, **you**, community, public health and home care nurses that work in Manitoba for Manitobans. The Community Health Nurses of Manitoba (CHNM) meets regularly and provides education sessions twice/year. We need new members and fresh ideas as to how to best promote and advance community health nursing in Manitoba and to positively influence our communities' health. Join our group, and tell us what you think. Come to our group meetings and education sessions and learn about your peers' work in the community!

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