

**Home Health Nursing and Public Health Nursing:
Understanding Our Common Ground
in
Community Health Nursing**

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Purpose of Session

The purpose of this Networking Café is to facilitate an open conversation about innovative strategies to enhance collaboration among nurses who work across community settings.



What is CHN Alberta?

- Community Health Nurses of Alberta
 - Creates CONNECTIONS www.chnalberta.ca
 - Provides EDUCATION
 - Offers ORGANIZATION
 - Works in COLLABORATION
 - Disseminates COMPETENCIES
 - Promotes PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE MODEL & STANDARDS OF PRACTICE



CHNAAlberta Context

➤ History of Organization

- 2004 - Online survey to CHN leaders
- 2005 - Specialty practice group for RNs
- 2005/6 - Interim Board & Bylaws
- 2007 - Tools & Technology Workshop
- 2009 - Co-hosted National Conference in AB
- 2011- Provincial Workshop Ethics Puzzles in Community Health Practice: Putting the Pieces into Perspective
- 2012 - Provincial Webinar: Cultural Competence



CHNAAlberta Goals

- Acknowledge/advance knowledge, skills, expertise of CHN practice
- Increase public's awareness
- Create community of practice
- Act as a CARNA Specialty Practice group
- Constitute the Alberta group for CHNC
- Build relationships with other associations in community health



CHNAAlberta Context (cont'd)

➤ Membership Stats

- 2004 2008: Range from 33 - 87 members no practice information
- 2009 – 232 members (National Conference in AB)
- 2010 CHNAAlberta started collecting practice information
- Between 2010 to 2012 , membership data indicated that Public Health Nurses have consistently exceeded Home Care/Health membership by 50% +



CHNA Alberta Context (cont'd)

- Strategies to Engage HHN
 - Mass emails (n=1800) to RNs
 - Targeted recruitment
 - Board involvement
 - Provincial meetings
 - Education initiatives – webinars, connections
 - Organizational changes
 - Practice Leads Home Health & Public Health



CHNA Alberta Context (cont'd)

- Current Situation
 - Conducting membership survey Spring 2012
 - Hosted 1 webinar – planning for Fall webinar
 - Connections – Spring 2012
 - Working on Recognizing Certified Nurses
 - Planning for virtual certification study groups
 - Integrating Blueprint for Action into activities
 - Board Strategic Planning Session – Summer 2012



Large Group Discussion

- What is your understanding of how PHNs and HHNs both fall under the umbrella of Community Health Nursing?
- What have been your experiences in the engagement of both PHNs and HHNs under the umbrella of Community Health Nursing?



Large Group Discussion cont...

- What strategies have you used to conceptually promote Community Health Nursing as a common thread between both groups of nurses?
- In what ways have you facilitated active collaboration among nurses who work across community settings?
- What initiatives have been successful? Which not? And why or why not?



Small Group Discussion

- Guidelines for Small Group Process
 - Roles (Facilitator, Recorder)
 - Guiding questions
 - Brainstorming and discussion
 - Recording of ideas and discussion points
 - Presentation of most innovative/novel strategy



Guiding Questions

- Please reflect on:
- strategies to conceptually promote community health nursing as all encompassing of PHN, CHN, OHN, etc.
 - strategies to promote enhanced engagement of HHNs in the field of Community Health Nursing
 - strategies to enhance collaboration among all community-based nurses



Final Comments



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