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CHNC Great Big News

Welcome to the Winter 2018/19 edition of GBN!

The days are getting shorter, the days have a chill, and the holiday season is not far away. It's been a busy fall for your CHNC Board and standing committee members ... read on for more!

CHNC Annual Conference

In June, Regina was the warm host to our annual National CHNC Conference. Kudos to the conference planning committee, who lived up to expectations for this nationally-recognized educational event for community health nurses. Head to our [website](#) to see content from the 2018 conference approved for sharing by presenters, including powerpoint decks and other material.

We are already looking forward to 2019 in **Saint John, New Brunswick** when community health nurses will gather again from **May 27 – 29**. Watch the [CHNC website](#) and our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for more information, including calls for abstracts!



Reports from P/Ts and Standing Committees:

Each of your Board members chairs and/or serves on one of the eight Standing Committees that move the work of CHNC forward. Click [here](#) for a description of the Standing Committees, and get a sense of the broad range of the work that we do for community health nursing in Canada.

You can also click [here](#) for more information on your Executive or regional representative, including contact information and a brief profile of each member of your Board.

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Standards and Competencies Committee

The CHN Leadership Institute Subcommittee of the Standards and Competencies Standing Committee is undertaking a pilot leadership mentoring program to support CHN leadership development.

The program was launched through a well-attended Network Café at the CHNC Conference in which strong interest was demonstrated in the pilot.

Comprehensive planning for the program was informed by a review of the literature and existing successful mentorship programs focusing on leadership. The program encompasses several components that support its implementation including a Leadership Mentoring Program Guide and a Resource of leadership development opportunities.

The Program Guide includes two leadership frameworks: Leadership Competencies for Public Health and the LEADS framework which is based on capabilities. Mentors and mentees carry out a self-assessment to develop leadership skills and identify gaps using either leadership framework.

Two dyads (mentor/mentee) who established congruent goals are participating in the pilot. The pilot program is being evaluated.

Communications Committee

The Communications Standing Committee has an ambitious work plan for 2018 -19. We are focusing on website renewal – stay tuned for more information on work we will be doing designed to bring more for your membership buck as it relates to value from the CHNC website, forum discussion pages, and more.

In the past, you have received several electronic newsletters from CHNC over the course of the year. In our membership survey last year, you indicated that the newsletter is a valuable reason for your continued CHNC membership. We hear that, and will continue to communicate through this medium at least twice every year with content that focuses specifically on the work of CHNC and accomplishments.

However, we also recognize that times, they are a changin'. In order for organizations to be fresh and relevant in our evolving digital world, communication needs to be nimble and consumable ... and generally this means frequent, short electronic offerings and social media. Consequently, over the last year your Communications Committee has focused our time and energy on keeping you informed through eBlasts, and building our social media presence with daily posts of news (CHNC and other), and research to our social media pages. If you haven't visited us there, please head over and take a look ... we think you'll find a lot to love! And while you are there, please freely use the hashtags #CHNC_IISCC and link our Facebook and Twitter to your own posts!

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CHN Certification

Did you know?? The CCHN(C) certification is now offered twice yearly through the Canadian Nurses Association exam process.

Are you a CHN who wrote the CCHN(C) exam for the first time this fall, or are thinking about writing in the spring? Did you know you are eligible to apply for the Barbara Mildon Bursary of \$500 for nurses who successfully write the CCHN certification exam for the first-time? It's true! If you wrote in the fall OR if you plan to write in the spring, you are eligible for our annual bursary, announced in May and awarded annually at our national conference.

Head to our [website](#) for more information on how to apply.

Membership Drive!

It's membership renewal time and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your membership! You are the reason we carry on and we don't take your continued dedication to CHNC for granted.



If you know of other CHNs who maybe missed renewal reminders, or who might be encouraged to become new members, please share the love! They can click [here](#) to join ... and while we are at it, please don't forget to update your own profile to make sure we have your current information and consents.

**Join your community nursing colleagues for the CHNC
Community Health Nursing Conference, May 27-29, 2019 in
Saint John, NB!**

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- Please visit the link above for the full menu of coming events ... and if you know of other events that we've missed, please let us know!

If you have any success stories and news to share with other Community Health Nurses please contact:

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