

In April of 2015, CHNM hosted an education session showcasing how nurses in our province, Dan Lapuk, Tara Dyck and Kim Stoffel use the CHNC standards of practice in their everyday work including the delivery of home care and public health nursing. It was an evening to reflect on how our daily practice of nursing care can be used to enhance our knowledge and understanding of the standards to strengthen community practice. Thirteen attendees responded to the evaluation and here is what CHNM gleaned from the evening....

There were an equitable number of urban home care and public health nurses who completed the evaluation, with the majority of respondents self-identifying as providing direct service to clients. Overwhelmingly, the thirst for knowledge and networking are the motivating factors for attending the education sessions on-site. However, it was noted that the webinar option was well received. Most respondents highlighted the story-telling format as favorable and engaging often leading to in-depth discussions that formulate linkages from everyday nursing practice to a high level understanding of the standards of practice.

For example, one respondent identifies “...becoming more aware of and continually seeking to identify the inclusion of standards in my own practice” as a take away from the evening. What’s next for CHNM planning committee? The concept of health equity and minimizing health disparities in the community was on the minds of most respondents. So stay tuned for CHNM 2015/2016 education series starting this fall!