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Community Health Nurses of Canada Collaborates with provincial affiliate to host the 4th National Community Health Nurses Conference.

June 17, 2010: Downtown Sheraton Toronto, ON

The Canadian Community Health Nurses conference is being held this week and will offer nurses professional development opportunities so they can continue to build a healthy future for all of us. This conference has a solid reputation for attracting community health nurses including public and home health nurses from every province and territory across Canada. The Community Health Nurses Initiatives Group (CHNIG) of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario is collaborating with Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) to host the 4th National Community Health Nursing Conf

The two and a half day conference will offer nurses professional development opportunities so they can continue to build a healthy future for all Canadians. Community health nurses play an important role in capacity building and advocacy. Their knowledge and experience uniquely equip them to advocate in partnership with clients who are vulnerable or marginalized and help them to access services. They also advocate for changes in policies, systems and resource allocation to increase opportunities for health within society. The conference will provide several opportunities. Two preconference workshops focused on reducing health inequities: ‘ *Unpacking the Canadian Context for the Determinants of Health: What do we really mean by ‘Culture’* and ‘ *Strengthening Advocacy and Social Justice in Community Health Nursing*’ . In opening the conference, Dr David Butler Jones, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, provided the keynote address entitled ‘ *Addressing the Social Determinants of Health: the Knowledge and Practice Relationship*’ . On June 18th, a play entitled ‘ *In my Shoes*’ will expose the vulnerability, disappointments and triumphs of those living in poverty and provide a new understanding of the barriers and isolation experienced by those living in poverty. Cathy Crowe, a well known Street Nurse and advocate for the homeless will provide the closing keynote address. Community health nurses are exceptionally qualified to advocate for and with those living in poverty. This conference will give them the opportunity to further their knowledge in this area and engage, enable and inspire knowledge to action on the Social Determinants of health.

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The conference is being held in Toronto, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world; a place where international ideas intersect with Canadian culture. A centre of rare openness, warmth, energy and style, Toronto is enriched by the fusion of traditions, passions and perspectives on life of the more than 100 cultures found here.

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Backgrounder

The Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) is an associate member of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and a voluntary association of community health nurses consisting of community health nurses and provincial/territorial community health nursing interest groups.

The Community Health Nurses Initiative Group (CHNIG) is an initiatives group of the Registered Nurses of Ontario. Their mission is to act as the voice of community health nurses influencing the health care system, health and social policy in areas which affect the work of community health nurses in Ontario and the public we serve. All members of CHNIG are members of CHNC.

CHNC provides a unified national voice to represent and promote community health nursing and the health of communities.

CHNC provides a forum for community health nurses across Canada to share issues of mutual concern and to communicate through meetings and national publications

CHNC monitors trends and issues in community health nursing and identifies and responds to issues of interest and concern. Schofield et al. (2009) in a descriptive qualitative study, designed to better understand priority issues currently facing Community Health Nurses, identified that the lack of definition and clarity, and lack of profile in the role of community health nurses contributes to community health nursing being a devalued area of nursing practice; the Community Health Nursing role needs to be consistently defined. Home Health Nursing Competencies are the integrated knowledge, skills, judgement and attributes required of a nurse working in home health to practice safely and ethically.

CHNC identifies and responds to issues of interest and concern which affect all community health nurses across Canada.

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