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MESSAGE FROM ICCER

I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new program coordinator for ICCER. I joined the program from November 2, 2020 and have been working towards familiarizing myself with the wide range of services and initiatives led by ICCER.

I must admit that I have big shoes to fill and a lot to learn, however I am excited and committed to steering forward the legacy left by Sandra Woodhead-Lyon and Emily Dymchuk to the best of my ability.

COVID-19 has put a hold on many of ICCER activities and has impacted our member organizations drastically. However, we aim to resume our webinar series starting next year.

Thank you, stay warm and stay safe everyone!

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CELEBRATING CONTINUING CARE

Remembrance Day

As we continue to witness the spread of the pandemic in our province, we desperately yearn to lead a normal life like before: without fear and without isolation. Residents of Long-Term Care have experienced both in unprecedented ways.

Amidst these challenging times, continuing care staff working at various facilities in Alberta made efforts to bring some festivity into the lives of long-term care residents by celebrating Remembrance Day at a small scale.

Remembrance Day celebrations were held at various sites of CapitalCare in the Edmonton region including Kipnes Centre for Veterans, CapitalCare McConnell, CapitalCare Grandview, CapitalCare Dickinsfield etc. At Kipnes Centre for Veterans, celebration activities included live streaming of a local service, distributing *Thinking of You* bags to the veterans generously donated by the community, and hosting of a social hour.

At other CapitalCare locations, Remembrance Day was celebrated through the medium of Art. Poppy decorations were made to honor those who served and poppy flowers were painted.

ICCER recognizes these brave efforts and sends a heart-felt thank you to all the continuing care staff for providing support in these difficult times.

Courtesy: CapitalCare Facebook Page



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RESEARCH PROJECT: Canadianizing the Creating Conversations Dementia Activity Toolkit to Improve Quality of Life for Those with Dementia

The purpose of the project is to revise (Canadianize) an activity toolkit developed in Scotland for persons with dementia, then pilot and evaluate it in Alberta. The project is designed to help better meet the social, emotional, physical, and health needs of persons with dementia, as well as to assist caregivers in providing person-centred care. Many times caregivers are unsure how to connect with individual with dementia and are uncertain how to begin a conversation.



Due to COVID-19, the project has been put on hold. However, the project team is developing a plan to implement in 2021 and looking into alternative options, should the restrictions continue to persist beyond January.

IC CER is in contact with the University of Stirling and Artlink Central and is in the process of drafting a tripartite agreement between these three organizations. Moreover NorQuest has secured funding through Mitacs to increase the funds for hiring student research assistants. The research students will join the project starting spring 2021.

As of October 2, 2020, Erika Goble has taken over as the project lead.



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JOIN OUR COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

ICCER started a Music Care Community of Practice (CoP) in fall 2016 and since then have added a CoP for Educators and Best Practice Leads in continuing care, as well as a collaborative working group for continuing care policies. All organizational members are welcome to participate! Associate members are invited to join the Music Care and Educators CoPs.

- **Music Care CoP** - To help members become more aware of the music care options and resources available to them, as well as discuss issues related to implementation.
- **Continuing Care Educators CoP** - An opportunity for members to share resources, discuss strategies for integrating knowledge to practice, and explore the connection between curriculum and clinical education/ practice.
- **Policy Working Group** - ICCER has started a collaborative working group for organizational members to work together on policies, procedures, and forms in hopes of making the audit process easier and more consistent.

MEMBERSHIPS

Become an Individual ICCER member! Individuals not associated with an ICCER organizational or associate membership can join the ICCER network for \$150/year.

Individual members get free access to ICCER events and webinars. If you are employed by one of ICCER's member organizations or associate members, you are already considered a member and are eligible for the related benefits! Individual memberships run April 1st to March 31st of each year.

Please note that refunds will not be provided under any circumstance. All payments will be through our automated payment system.



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RESOURCES

Call for Expression of Interest: Building Capacity in Long-Term Care:

COVID-19 has resulted in a crisis in long term and home care due to a shortage of workers. To help address this, Colleges & Institutes Canada is seeking interested member institutions to collaborate in the development and implementation of an accelerated online training program for Assistant Personal Care Providers. Developing a national competency framework for Personal Care Providers will also be an important part of this work.



For further information on funding, click [HERE](#)

Join the LTC+ Program:

The Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute launched LTC+: Acting on Pandemic Learning Together. The program is designed to drive improvements to pandemic preparedness in long-term care and retirement homes across Canada.



Homes/facilities that register by **December 18 (11:59 ET)** will be eligible to receive up to three dedicated coaching sessions and up to **\$10,000** to support improving their pandemic preparedness. Please visit the link for details:

https://www.cfhi-fcass.ca/what-we-do/enhance-capacity-and-capability/ltc-acting-on-pandemic-learning-together?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Signature&utm_campaign=LTC

Digital World Health Congress 2020:

The Online Digital World Health Congress 2020 will be held on November 26-27. Please visit the link for further details:

<https://digitalhealthcareworldcongress.com/register/>



ICCER Organizational and Associate Members can watch past webinars by logging into the Members-only Area of the website.

Email admin@iccer.ca if you need your login information!



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