



Co-Chairpersons: Linda Waterhouse and Connie Shrubsole

Past Co-Chairperson: Ruanna Jones

Membership: From May 2008 in Saskatoon till May 2009 in Ottawa we have seen some stability with the social work group with a decrease in the number of new social workers in clinics across the country. We currently have twenty social workers in Hemophilia/Bleeding Disorders clinics across the country. We have two new social workers that have come to clinics in Toronto and Winnipeg over the last year. Again, most social workers are only assigned .1 fte (or a half day a week) in clinic.

We are very thankful and appreciative to CHS and all six pharmas for their continued financial support of the CSWHC, which allows them to participate and attend Rendez-Vous Ottawa 2009. We will have a total of thirteen social workers in attendance for Rendez-Vous 2009. This continues to be the only opportunity for the CSWHC to collaborate face-to-face, share knowledge and expertise and work on mutually valued projects based on priorities agreed to by this group.

CSWHC AND CHS PARTICIPATION

Anne Vaughan wrote an article "Social Workers Face to Face" published in the Fall 2008 Haemophilia Today. Our goal is to participate regularly by sending articles to Haemophilia Today.

Linda Waterhouse continues on the CHS Program Committee

Social Work Representation from Claude Bartholomew and Yolaine Houle on the CHS Transition from Paediatric to Adult Care Working Group (Chairperson Maureen Brownlow).

CHS Living with a Rare Bleeding Disorder Workshop: Clarke Dale Social Work representative.

CHS Projects including School Video, Surgery Decision Making Tool and Revision of All About Haemophilia: A Guide for Families: social work representative Linda Waterhouse.

Connie Shrubsole has been involved on the CHS Standards of Care group and the Medical Symposium Program Planning Committee.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK PARTICIPATION

Yolaine Houle attended the WHF Congress 2008 in Istanbul and presented on her clinic's transition initiatives.

Ruanna Jones continues to be the Canadian consultant for the Advances Social Work Conference in the Treatment of Bleeding Disorders sponsored by CSL Behring USA held annually in conjunction with the National Haemophilia Foundation conference.

Michelle Sims attended the Parents Empowering Parents training session in San Antonio Texas Fall 2008.

MAJOR CSWHC INITIATIVE FOR 2009

CHS has secured the needed funding from Bayer to be able to hold the PARENTS EMPOWERING PARENTS (PEP), training program. This training program will be held in October 2009 in Montreal, Quebec. AT that time a group of parents and social workers will be trained in how to deliver the PEP program (parent support groups) in their chapters across the country. This is a program that is widely in effect the USA and has begun to branch out internationally (Australia). The CSWHC had the PEP master trainers come and present their program to the group at their last meeting in Saskatoon, May 2008.

ONGOING PROJECTS

CSWHC have continued to work on the following projects over the past year and at this year's meeting:

Updated Haemophilia Social Work brochure for clinics.

CSWHC Standards of Practice

Orientation manual for new haemophilia social workers

A CSWHC web page linked with the new and improved CHS website.

Continued involvement with our clinics' Standards of Care evaluations and CHS program evaluations and needs analysis.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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