

# CMM CIRCULAR

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## Happy 2012...

The New Year is always a time to reflect on our accomplishments and set goals and strategize for the future. Some of us made New Year's resolutions to get to the gym more, eat deserts less, take the dog out, or volunteer more often...whatever we decide we are definitely for making changes big and small that will improve our lives!

We sincerely hope you all had the opportunity to spend some holiday time with family and friends too. We spend so much time preparing and planning and then it's over in the blink of an eye.

We are already off to a busy start here. I am sure you will agree after reading this issue of the CMM Circular. We hope you find it informative and worthy of your continued interest. Please share your comments, questions and any suggestions with us. Let's make this the best year yet~Kathy

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:

Wow, am I pumped! I am just home from attending my first (beautiful) birth in the new BIRTH CENTRE!! I remember eight years ago being a member of the "Birth Centre Group", a small group of women who thought that this would be a good idea. I am pleased to say that to me, what is up and running is actually pretty close to what our collective dream was.

A huge congrats and THANK YOU to all the people who have made it a reality. I remarked to a mother as she was telling me how great the tub was, that many hours and emotions went into the selection of that very tub. Just that tub! I know that the tub and the hours that it took to decide on it are a tiny part of the love and dedication midwives, clients, the Women's Health Clinic staff, the WRHA, and the design and construction teams have put into that place. It felt GREAT to be there. Here is my wish for every midwife in Manitoba; "I hope that you too will have a moment where you also feel great to be where you are, doing what you are doing". Love, Kelly

### NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

#### Membership Fees – 2012-2013

You will see that with the recent registration renewal packages that you received fees for practising registration for this fiscal year are assessed at \$1,600.00. They will remain at this level until such time as membership approves an increase. The quarterly instalment payment option will remain as it has been a popular choice for many members. The quarterly payments will equal \$400.00.

#### Your feedback about parking

The College office lease is coming up for renewal again. We have talked on and off about changing locations. I feel it is important to stay centrally located so that we are equally accessible to members who travel to the CMM for meetings. Given that the parkade at The Bay and U of W are close, and that we have surface lots behind the Bhuler Centre, and on St. Mary Avenue both at Spence Street and Balmoral Street, and, parking under the building, have you found parking to be very problematic for you when you are coming to the CMM for meetings? Your feedback would be appreciated as we move forward.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Standards Committee:

The CMM wishes to thank Lisa Marcus, RM, as she steps down as Chairperson of the Standards Committee. Lisa has guided the Committee and contributed hours of time and dedication since 2009. Joelle Ross, RM, has accepted this position and has already begun work! We extend a warm welcome to new Appointed Public Representative, Daniele Bajus who will be joining the Committee for her first meeting in February! The Committee is presently working on developing the statement on "Unassisted Childbirth". The Standard for Planned Out of Hospital Birth continues with revisions and should be completed and ready for distribution soon.

### Board of Assessors:

Welcome to new Appointed Public Representative, Mary Beens! Mary has attended her first meeting in December, and the Committee is delighted to have her on board.

### Quality Assurance Committee:

The CMM assessed that it needs additional auditors. Auditor training will occur on February 16. If you missed the ad and are interested please contact Kathy at 783-4520 or [admin@midwives.mb.ca](mailto:admin@midwives.mb.ca). The ACCESS River East practice in Winnipeg has been randomly selected for the practice group audit which is taking place on February 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The first group audit will be conducted as a pilot – both because it is the first group audit that the CMM will be conducting and because it will be a test of the group audit tools.

### Perinatal Review Committee:

The Perinatal Review Committee recently met on January 13, with the next meeting scheduled for March 9. Three new cases referred by midwives are on the agenda for review on March 9 in addition to one case review that is a continuation from the January 13 meeting. The Committee hopes to compile a summary document for the membership relating to some trends that have been noted in the case reviews. Please be reminded that you are required to refer cases for review that meet the criteria listed below. You can refer cases via letter to the CMM, or by Fax at 779-1490, Attention: PRC Committee. We require the mother's name, PHIN, DOB for the infant, and the hospital involved, if applicable.

Perinatal Mortality (>500 grams)  
All stillbirths  
All neonatal deaths under 29 days of age

Perinatal Morbidity (>1000 grams)  
Five minute Apgar <7  
Seizures  
Meconium aspiration  
Admission to NICU >37 weeks  
Significant trauma to the neonate  
Prematurity

### Maternal Mortality

The death of a woman known to be pregnant or within 42 days of delivery or termination of the pregnancy, irrespective of the duration of or site of the pregnancy.

### Maternal Morbidity

Uterine rupture  
Caesarean hysterectomy  
Fistula involving the female genital tract  
Admission to an Intensive Care Unit  
Peripartum hysterectomy  
Venous thrombotic episode  
Eclampsia  
Postpartum return to caseroom/OR for operative management

Or other cases at the discretion of the committee

### Education Committee:

The Education Committee activity has increased recently. Agenda items currently being reviewed are the Student-Designed Midwifery Education Program Approval Process (MEPA), review of the International Midwifery Pre-Registration Program in Ontario, and the Bachelor of Midwifery education program at l'Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. The Committee will also be reviewing the policies and standards related to student registration and practice. The Committee will be meeting with faculty and staff of the UCN BMP in February to get updates on the current status and future direction of the Program.

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### COUNCIL OF THE CMM

Kelly Klick, RM, Chairperson

Darlene Birch, RM

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Kari Hammersley, RM (Rural)

Gisele Fontaine, RM

Sheila Mills, RM

Erin Eleuterio (Pub. Rep)

Carolyn Markmann (Pub. Rep)

(Rural)

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### CURRENT CMM MEMBERSHIP

44 Practicing Midwives

15 Non-practicing Midwives

9 Students

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### NEW CMM REGISTRANTS

Kelly Fitzmaurice – Oct 5, 2011

Dawn Wiscombe – Oct 28, 2011

Juliette Adetudimu – Feb 6, 2012

### **EChart Manitoba**

#### **Progressing from a plan to reality**

EChart Manitoba marked its first anniversary of implementation across Manitoba on December 6, 2011. EChart Manitoba is a secure electronic system that connects health-care providers to key health information contained in a single, safe electronic record currently collected from multiple points of care.

Over the course of the year, 37 primary –care clinics and emergency departments from across Manitoba received access to eChart Manitoba. To see where eChart Manitoba is available, please visit:

<http://www.connectedcare.ca/echartmanitoba/whatsNew/html>.

#### **Efficient access to important information helps to improve delivery of patient care**

Gail VandeVyvere, manager of midwifery services at the WRHA, shares her opinion about the benefits midwives have realized since incorporating eChart Manitoba into their practice.

"EChart Manitoba provides midwives with easy and better access to medical information required for patient care. For example, with eChart Manitoba, a midwife can view a patient's blood test result or ultrasound report prior to the consultation. Having efficient access this type of information helps midwives to decide if the patient is a good candidate for midwifery care," she says. "We recognize that eChart Manitoba is in the infancy stages of development that can sometimes present challenges. However, midwives are working hard to learn the system and work through these challenges, as the benefits are definitely worth it".

#### **Focused on meeting the growing needs to provide quality patient, resident and client care**

Since the initial release of eChart Manitoba, the system has continued to develop its functionality, enhancing its value and usefulness. Health –care providers authorized to use the system have access to:

- Medications dispensed at retail pharmacies
- Immunizations
- Demographic information
- Laboratory results
- Patient encounter and visit reasons from the electronic patient record (EPR) at St. Boniface Hospital
- Diagnostic imaging reports from Manitoba's predominate Radiology Imaging System.

Future objectives will include the deployment of additional laboratory results and clinical information and further integration with Manitoba's Approved Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Systems. Manitoba eHealth will continue to deploy EChart Manitoba to more sites across the province and develop both the user base and the functionality, supporting the vision of connecting care throughout Manitoba's health-care system.

For more information about eChart Manitoba:

Web: [www.connectedcare.ca/echartmanitoba](http://www.connectedcare.ca/echartmanitoba)

Email: [echart@manitoba-ehealth.ca](mailto:echart@manitoba-ehealth.ca)

Toll – free: 1.855.203.4528

### **Midwifery Evaluation**

Midwives, Regional Health Authorities, Manitoba Health and other stakeholders have been involved in planning for, implementing, developing and supporting midwifery services since The **Midwifery Act** was proclaimed in June 2000. Since that time, midwives have provided health care for thousands of Manitoba families, and this option is available to more families each year. Manitoba midwives are employed by six regional health authorities and work in northern and remote communities, southern and rural communities, and urban centres.

Manitoba Health is funding a provincial evaluation of current midwifery services and outcomes including a review of workforce and current service delivery models. The results will be used to inform the future vision for provincial and regional planning for high quality, accessible and sustainable midwifery services. The following two organizations have been contracted to conduct different components of the midwifery evaluation.

Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence (PWHCE). Evaluation Focus - effectiveness of midwifery services, maternal and neonatal health outcomes; populations served; level of system integration; establishment and function of quality assurance processes; and impacts of access to midwifery services at local, regional and provincial level.

Midwives Association of Manitoba (MAM). Evaluation Focus - effectiveness of service delivery models; resource use and development; numbers served; types of work provided; time spent in various activities; level of administrative integration; and adherence to the provincial standard for funded midwifery services.

## TOPICS OF INTEREST *cont'd*

These two organizations will be consulting midwives across Manitoba as part of the evaluation process. As a midwife you may be called upon to participate via surveys, focus groups or other methods. When you hear from PWHCE and/or MAM we encourage you to take a few moments to contribute – your participation will be invaluable!

Questions about the evaluation? Please contact [midwifery@gov.mb.ca](mailto:midwifery@gov.mb.ca)

## Cadham Provincial Laboratory

There have been recent changes in The Manitoba Perinatal Screening Program. Cadham labs will be distributing an important update brochure for providers shortly.

Cadham Provincial Laboratory, as supported by Manitoba Health and Public Health Agency of Canada, are holding an assessment of the Public Health Laboratory System in Manitoba. They are inviting stakeholders and partners, to provide input in identifying how well the current system functions in addressing laboratory related issues and services. This assessment will use the "Laboratory Assessment Tool" adapted by the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network (CPHLN) from the process developed by the Association of Public Health Laboratories in the United States, which has been widely used by State Public Health Laboratories. This assessment will bring together key partners using performance standards against which the system can be measured. The objective is to identify potentially significant gaps, promote continuous improvement of public health laboratory services and strengthen public health practice, as recommended in the Naylor Report.

The benefits of this laboratory assessment process should include but not be limited to:

- Improving communication and collaboration among stakeholders.
- Defining and delineating the system whereby public health laboratory (PHL) analysis is performed, and by demonstrating the interconnectedness of activities; lead to a higher appreciation and awareness of the activities related to improving the public's health
- Bringing together the diverse network of partners to lead to greater cohesion among them with better coordination of activities and resources.
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses.
- Creating a better articulation of resources needed to improve the PHL system.
- Using the assessment tool "gold standard" benchmark for PHL system practice improvements, develop priorities for public health system quality improvement.

The information collected from this assessment will highlight areas of progress and generate dialogue for system gaps and methods for service improvement.

If you have any feedback please email Janice by the end of day, February 29<sup>th</sup>, who will be attending the assessment.

## CMRC Update

The members of the CMRC met in November just prior to the CAM Conference in Niagara Falls. Attending were reps from BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QU, NB, NS, NWT and YU. A range of topics were discussed over the two days including potential incorporation of the CMRC, the International Congress of Midwives activities regarding international standards for midwifery, CMRC's participation in the Canadian Network of National Associates of Regulators (CNNAR), the Canadian Midwifery Registration Exam (CMRE), return-to-practice challenges for provinces/territories that do not have a midwifery education program, a national process for midwifery education program approval (with a joint meeting with CAM on the topic), access to midwifery education in Canada – a presentation given by Carly Beaulieu and Dina Davidson, the International Midwifery Credential Database, the Midwifery Multi-Jurisdictional Bridging Project (MMBP) and recognition of internationally educated midwives. As is evident, there is much work required on the national level as we all attempt to raise the profile of midwifery on the larger scale.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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### **COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE**

Darlene Birch, RM (NOR-MAN RHA) Rural  
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Gisele Fontaine, RM (WRHA)  
Kari Hammersley, RM (Brandon RHA) Rural  
Sheila Mills, RM (WRHA)  
Carolyn Markmann (Appointed Public Rep) Rural  
Erin Eleuterio (Appointed Public Rep)

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Marla Gross, RM (Central RHA) Rural  
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Mary Beens (Appointed Public Rep)  
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### **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

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Abigail Tackie Larson, RM (WRHA)  
Sari Fogg, RM (WRHA)  
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Daniele Bajus (Appointed Public Rep)

### **QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**

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Darlene Birch, RM (Kagike Danikobidan) Rural  
Kelly Klick, RM (WRHA)  
Darlene Mulholland (Kagike Danikobidan) Rural

### **KAGIKE DANIKOBIDAN**

Darlene Birch, RM (NOR-MAN RHA)  
Maggie Flett (Island Lakes)  
Ruth Ellen Flett (Island Lakes)  
Freda Lepine (Chairperson) Thompson  
Thelma Mason (Garden Hill)  
Nelliane Cromarty (Garden Hill)  
Darlene Mulholland (Thompson)  
Doris Young (The Pas)  
Sandy Howard (Student rep)

### **COMMITTEE TO SELECT PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

Kelly Klick, RM Chairperson (WRHA)  
Tanya Jonasson (Rep appointed by the Women's Health Clinic)  
Kirsten McFarlane (Appointed Public Rep) Rural  
Erin Eleuterio (Appointed Public Rep)



## COUNCIL & COMMITTEES MEETINGS

- Standards Committee – February 14, 2012 (9:30 – 12:30 p.m.)
- Board of Assessors Committee – February 13, 2012 (10:00 – 12:00 p.m.)
- Perinatal Review Committee – March 9, 2012 (9:30 – 1:30 p.m.)
- Education Committee – February 29, 2012 (11:00 – 1:00 p.m.)
- Council Meetings – March 19, 2012 & May 14, 2012 (9:00 to 2:00 p.m.)

### RETURNING TO PRACTICE?

Please remember that in order to return to practice you must submit your **RETURN TO PRACTICE FORM** 30 days prior to returning back to work. You must also be current in CPR & NRP.  
No Exceptions!

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS/EVENTS

**February 6 – 10, 2012** – The CMM office will be closed this week to allow for urgent administrative work that needs to be completed. During this time only emergency situations will be responded to. Thank you for your understanding as we balance all of the work demands at the CMM.

**February 20, 2012** – Louis Riel Day – CMM office closed

**March 13, 2012** – CMM Annual Public Meeting – 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Will be held at the Women's Health Clinic Birth Centre, 603 St. Mary's Rd. in Winnipeg (Wisdom Room)

**June 15, 2012** – CMM Annual General Meeting – further details to follow and location TBA.

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Executive Director: Patty Eadie, BA, BSW  
Administrative Officer: Kathy Kirby

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"There is power that comes to women when they give birth. They don't ask for it, it simply invades them. Accumulates like clouds on the horizon and passes through, carrying the child with it." Sheryl Feldman