

ICCER Newsletter - November 2016

Notes from ICCER

November was Music Month for ICCER! Not only did we host an education session on *Implementing Music Care in Continuing Care* (see below), but I had the opportunity to go to Toronto for the Room 217 Foundation's *Music Care Conference*. It was an exciting day and provided a lot of insight into how we might want Music Care Conference Alberta to look next November (see below).



One of the highlights of the Conference for me was hearing Michael Thaut and Corene Hurt-Thaut from University of Toronto talk about Neurologic Music Therapy and the *Music and Health Research Collaboratory (MaHRC)*. MaHRC is an inter-disciplinary, inter-laboratory, inter-departmental, inter-institutional research centre focused on 5 areas of research questions around music, basic and clinical neuroscience, and applications to health. *For more information on the MaHRC, click here!* Click here to go to *The Academy of Neurologic Music Therapy's website*.

We have a great opportunity to further develop music care knowledge and practice in Alberta by co-hosting a conference on **November 6, 2017** with Room 217 Foundation and the Winspear Centre. We will be updating information on the ICCER website as we get more details!

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Out & About with ICCER

- November 9th - ICCER hosted *Implementing Music Care in Continuing Care*. We had two main sites (Edmonton Clinic Health Academy and Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary), with an additional 25 sites joining by videoconference, from High Level in the north to Milk River in the south! We also had over 30 teleconference lines registered. Speaker presentations from this session can be found on ICCER's website - [click here!](#)
 - November 17th - The Alberta Association on Gerontology hosted a networking dinner and presentation with Dr. Erika Goble, NorQuest College. Click here to see Erika's presentation: *Is it time to stop searching for a magic bullet? Re-examining the role of family-staff relationships in quality continuing care.*
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Save the date!

- Behavioural Supports 2017

ICCER is collaborating with *Complex Needs Initiative* to bring the 5th annual event on managing responsive behaviours on **February 23, 2017**. This will be a practical session where individuals will learn approaches, grounded in theory, for communicating with persons with responsive behaviours and other communication barriers. More details will be sent out over the next couple of months!

- Music Care Conference 2017

ICCER is excited to announce our collaboration with Room 217 and the Winspear Centre to offer the Music Care Conference in Edmonton on **November 6, 2017**! Stayed tuned for more information.



Meet Our Members

ICCER Steering Committee

In this issue, we are featuring Dr. R.G. (Bob) Haennel, Interim Dean of the

Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Alberta. Bob received his PhD in 1987 and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Division of Cardiology at the University of Alberta. He joined the Faculty in 2005 as Chair of the Physical Therapy Department.



- *What do you find most challenging about preparing health care workers?:*

The lack of clinical placements for students is a challenge.

- *What changes would you like to see in continuing care (CC) education over the next five years?*

I would like to see more interdisciplinary activities both in the classroom and in the placements. Also, for those who work in continuing care, a better understanding of the various roles and responsibilities.

- *What has surprised you most about working with ICCER?*

The diversity of the individuals and organizations involved. There is a need to integrate both education and research across the various partners.



Join our Community of Practice

Music Care CoP

Many ICCER member organizations have implemented music care programs at their sites, or are interested in doing so. To help ICCER members become more aware of the music care options and help them select a program, we have created a Community of Practice (CoP).



What is a Community of Practice?

A CoP is a group of individuals with a common purpose and interest, and discuss ideas and experiences to improve the way they practice. In this case, the CoP is focused on music care and how to best implement it into continuing care sites.

What is ICCER's role?

The success of a CoP is based on those interested in participating. ICCER will

provide support and resources to the CoP as needed. ICCER will help bring together representatives from member organizations by helping to schedule meetings, provide use of the ICCER teleconference line, and establish a resource centre available to our members.

All ICCER member organizations are welcome to participate! Staff who are interested and willing to participate, please contact Emily Dymchuk (emily@iccer.ca). The next COP meeting will be held via teleconference on January 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Interesting Resources

Each month we will highlight new research, policies, reports, etc. that are applicable to continuing care. If you come across materials you would like to share, please send them to Emily (emily@iccer.ca).

- Room 217 offers free **Music Care Webinars** on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM ET. These webinars cover a range of topics and speakers related to the music care field. Registration is required. You can also check out the archives of past webinars on their website!
- **Music and Medicine (MMD)** is an interdisciplinary journal hosted by the *International Association for Music & Medicine (IAMM)*. The journal covers practice and research related to music interventions in medicine, including the role of music in treating those with dementia.



Giving Tuesday

November 29th is Giving Tuesday, a movement for giving and volunteering



taking place after Cyber Monday. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to donate and volunteer to support their favourite causes! Some of their Alberta-based partners include Bethany Care Foundation, CapitalCare Foundation, Excel Society, and the University of Alberta. To become a partner or donate, visit the [GivingTuesday website](#).

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