

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2009

### Flu Assessment Centre

A detailed presentation will be made at the Board meeting in regard to this extensive redeployment of staff in order to operate as a Flu Assessment Centre. This initiative was lead by Ottawa Public Health with many partnerships among the CHCs, Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, Tungasuvvingat Inuit Community Centre, and the Orleans Urgent Care Centre.

SWCHC staff did a tremendous job in rising to the occasion in doing what needed to be done at this very hectic time. Special thanks are due to Merry Cardinal for her leadership in taking care of many of the details in putting the FAC plan into place.

### Dr Kay Lee

On occasion, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario conducts a peer assessment of physicians. Last month, Dr. Lee's practice was randomly chosen for an assessment by a representative from the College who was very laudatory in his assessment of her practice and the centre in general. His final comments follow:.

*It was a pleasure and an eye opener to review the practice of Dr. Pi Kay Lee.*

*The Community Health Center itself is a bright, clean, and friendly facility which houses a wealth of health care professionals dedicated to a team approach to health care.*

*I found Dr. Lee herself knowledgeable, organized, efficient, engaging and enthusiastic.*

*My two thoughts as I left at the end of the day were: care at a Community health Center is superior to that which can be provided by a private practice, particularly with complex and vulnerable patients, and "Wow" would I love to work in a place like this.*

*In one word...exemplary.*

## **Rochester Heights Community House**

We are pleased to be able to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in November. This is a much needed program for this community.

A youth advisory has been formed to develop leadership skills, work together to improve the community, advise staff on youth programs at the Community House and have a lot of fun.

Ottawa Public Health held an H1N1 vaccination clinic at the Community House on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 8:30.

## **Federal Standing Committee on Health**

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Canadian Alliance of Community Health Centre Associations (CACHCA), I made a presentation on the value of the community health centre model as it is an optimum one for engaging inter-professional teams. The focus of the committee presentation on November 18 was on the effective deployment of health human resources in Canada.

## **Vietnamese Gala**

It was my pleasure to attend with Board member Dau-Thi Huynh the November 19 Gala at Sala San Marco. On this evening, the Vietnamese community recognized the incredible contribution of former Ottawa Mayor Marion Dewar as the leader of Project 4000. Funds were raised to support the Vietnamese Boat people museum planned for the corner of Somerset and Preston Streets. Also in attendance were Board members Lucinda Boyd and Barbara Wright.

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