



NOTES FROM ICCER

Well, November has been a very active month for ICCER!

On November 6th it was finally time for Music Care Conference 2017! After a year of planning, everything fell into place and our 200 participants had an incredible day of music and learning. Photos and more information can be found at the bottom of the page. Emily Dymchuk and I spoke to many people unfamiliar with ICCER who will be going back to nudge their organizations into potentially joining.



Emily and I started the month of November by joining the Injury Prevention Centre at their kick off event for this year's Finding Balance campaign. On November 15th ICCER and IPC held an education event on Falls Prevention. We had great participation across all of Alberta. You can read more on page 2!

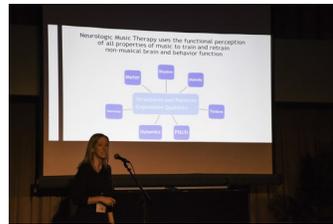
On November 21st Mark Marcynuk and I were off to Fort McMurray to hold a one-day workshop at Keyano College on Communication Tools to Enhance Care (continued on page 2).

We'll be spending the rest of 2017 preparing for our February 15th Responsive Behaviours Symposium.

Sandra Woodhead Lyons, PHEc
Executive Director, ICCER

OUT & ABOUT WITH ICCER

Music Care Conference 2017 was a resounding success! We had around 200 people in attendance at the lovely Winspear Centre. Participants heard from several speakers and musicians, including Dr. Corene Hurt-Thaut on the role of Neurologic Music Therapy, as well as from Julian West on his experience as a professional musician using musical improvisation to connect with people with dementia. Sherryl Sewepagaham provided a fantastic opening to the Conference, while Sean McCann finished the day with his powerful story and performance. ICCER was pleased to partner with **Room 217 Foundation** and the **Winspear Centre** in hosting this conference and we look forward to future events! [Links to our major speakers can be found on the ICCER website.](#)



Reminder that individuals not associated with an ICCER member organization can join the ICCER network for \$150/year. If you are employed by one of ICCER's member organizations, you are already considered a member and are eligible for all member benefits!

Individual memberships will 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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OUT & ABOUT WITH ICCER CONT'D

November 15th was our education event, **Falls Prevention in Continuing Care and the Community**. Our speakers for the day presented on a variety of topics, including the role of technology in falls prevention, physical literacy, concussions in seniors and falls risk management strategies. We had host sites in both Edmonton and Calgary, with about 75 and 50 attendees at each, as well as 48 participants listening via teleconference and 30 videoconference sites booked across the province! It was our first time partnering with the **Injury Prevention Centre** and we look forward to continuing our relationship with them. **Presentations** from the session can be found on the ICCER website.



Mark Marcynuk and Sandra Woodhead Lyons spent November 22nd at Keyano College in Fort McMurray providing a one-day workshop on **Communication Tools to Enhance Care**. Vincella Thompson, Dean, School of University Studies, Career Programs & Academic Upgrading, started the day by welcoming everyone to Keyano College. Keyano provided an excellent space for the session and Sandra and Mark enjoyed working with the 41 people who attended. We were extremely pleased to have sponsorship for this workshop. Our major sponsor was ICCER member organization, the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA), with additional support provided by two University of Alberta research centres, the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities and Innovations in Seniors Care Research Unit.



It looks like Mark and Sandra will have the opportunity to go even further north (Fort Chipewyan) to do the workshop again in January 2018!

SAVE THE DATE!

Responsive Behaviours Symposium 2018 with Kim Barthel

ICCER and the **Complex Needs Initiative** are excited to host the Responsive Behaviours Symposium on **February 15, 2018** with Kim Barthel! Kim has over 30 years of experience in the field of occupational therapy and has worked with individuals with a spectrum of neurological and developmental disabilities. The Symposium will be held in-person at South Health Campus in Calgary with videoconference sites available elsewhere. *Registration opening in January 2018!*

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SAVE THE DATE CONT'D

Walk with Me 2018

Walk with Me: Changing the Culture of Aging in Canada brings together older adults/residents, care partners, educators, policy makers, students and researchers from all over the country to learn about how to enhance the journey of aging across the continuum of care and community living. The conference will be held on **March 5-6, 2018** in **Niagara Falls, ON**. The three keynote speakers at the 2018 Conference include Ashton Applewhite, Anti-ageism Activist, Author of "This Chair Rocks" and a TED2017 mainstage speaker; Dr. Emi Kiyota, Founder and President of Ibasho, a consultant to numerous age-friendly design projects in the USA, Europe, Asia and Africa; and Neil Pasricha, a Harvard MDA, *New York Times* bestselling author, award-winning blogger and one of the most popular TED speakers in the world. **Registration is now open! Early bird rates available until January 15, 2018.**

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 resources available to them, we have created a Community of Practice (CoP).

All ICCER members are welcome to participate in the CoP! Staff who are interested and willing to participate, please contact Emily Dymchuk (emily@iccer.ca).

The next Music Care CoP meeting will be held via teleconference on December 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

INTERESTING RESOURCES

- Dementia Services Development Centre—[Heating for people with dementia: Why is temperature control important for people with dementia?](#)

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).



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