



## Greetings CFAN Members!

First, I would like to send warm wishes to you and all your loved ones for a healthy and happy new year.

Reflecting upon 2011, a wonderful accomplishment in our 10th year as a network was to bring Karen Wayman of Lucille Packard Children's Hospital from California's Stanford University to Ottawa this past October. Karen's presence helped to attract our highest attendance to date—55 members! Thank you to all who took the time to come. Although Karen's 20 years of experience, leadership and teaching come from an American-based health care system, she brought a wealth of applicable information and strategies for advancing and embedding Family Centred Care in Canada. I have to say most of us felt a bit overwhelmed by the afternoon; however everyone, whether a first-time attender or a veteran was able to benefit from the presentation and apply its concepts to the work they are doing! Throughout the three days I observed people really enjoying networking opportunities and sharing some wonderful food and laughter together. Thank you to those who helped behind the scenes with this special event: Christine Kouri and the Family Forum members at CHEO, Sue Robins, Ruth Hartanto, Lisa Rosati-White, and Sherri Wuetherick. We are also very appreciative of the financial support from CAPHC and the Children's Health Foundation in London, Ontario for making the workshop, especially Karen's long journey and full-day participation, possible.

**WEBPAGE:** The CFAN webpage on the CAPHC website has been updated. Please visit [http://www.caphc.org/partnerships\\_cfan.html](http://www.caphc.org/partnerships_cfan.html) for news and [http://www.caphc.org/partnerships\\_cfan\\_workshops.html](http://www.caphc.org/partnerships_cfan_workshops.html) for the workshop presentations. Members Password: CFAN, Member2009

**Annual General Meeting:** 25 members joined us Saturday evening for a meet and greet with the Steering Committee. Frank Gavin and Sarah Jones presented the status of the Parental Presence at Induction and Recovery Project in collaboration with the Canadian Child and Youth Health Coalition. (The final draft of the report will be ready in mid-February.) I think the members especially appreciated the opportunity to ask questions of and hear directly from Sarah, the Chair of Paediatrics at Queen's University and a surgeon. I also shared an annual report. Visit the CFAN members' only section for the presentation slides.

**Steering Committee:** I feel fortunate to have more interested people than positions available for the CFAN steering committee this year. Please welcome the new volunteers who are getting involved with CFAN through their active leadership as new Steering Committee members: Ade, Katharina, Kate and Laura. We look forward to working with you all!

Here is the full Steering Committee team:

Sherri Wuetherick - Co-Chair, (Parent Consultant, Alberta Children's Hospital, AB)  
Robin England - Co-Chair, (Patient and Family Coordinator, IWK, Halifax, NS)  
Lisa Hawthornthwaite - Past Chair, Secretary, (Family Centred Care Specialist, CHLHSC, ON)  
Susan Greig - Director, Communications, (Partners in Care, BC Children's Hospital, BC)  
ADE Usuanlele - Director, Treasurer (Parent Advisor, Stollery Children's Hospital, Ed, AB)  
Katharina Staub – Director (Parent Advisor, NICU Stollery Children's Hospital, Ed, AB)  
Laura Williams – Director (Manager, Family Resource Centre, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital)  
Kate Robson – Director, (Parent Coordinator, NICU Sunnybrook, Toronto, ON)  
Frank Gavin - Director, National Family Liaison (Founding Member, Toronto, ON)

Thanks to the 'retiring' members: Sue Robins, Ruth Hartanto, Lisa Rosati White and Angie Christman. We appreciate the generous amount of time you have given to help CFAN over the years!

**Preparing for Vancouver:** Although it seems the next workshop will be happening "next year" it will in fact be happening this year: in Vancouver on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The CAPHC conference will begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Susan Greig, Sherri Wuetherick, and Frank Gavin are on the conference planning committee. More news to come.

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Warm Regards,  
Lisa Hawthornthwaite, Past Chair  
On behalf of the steering committee