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Association of Midwives

## CAM delivers 6000 signatures to the Health Minister of NL!

Karene Tweedie, President of the Association of Midwives of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Anne Wilson, CAM President, laugh with the Honourable Susan Sullivan (centre), Minister of Health and Community Services of NL, after a meeting on next steps for regulation and funding for midwifery care in that province. PAGES 3-4

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## A MESSAGE FROM TWO PRESIDENTS



Anne Wilson

It has been an exciting challenge to serve as your President for the past two years. I have met so many midwives both in Canada and around the world and it has been my privilege to represent you, the members, and Canadian midwifery.

While I love the work that I have done as CAM President, it is in my work as a midwife that I see the difference that midwifery makes in women's lives. In the lives of families, how and where we give birth are important *choices*. They should not be circumscribed by distance or lack of care providers. Midwifery has grown *quickly* since the revival of legislated midwifery in 1994, from 60 midwives to over 1100 in just 18 years. But to provide access and choice to all women across Canada, we need the help and collaboration from both national and provincial governments to continue to grow.

It is therefore important that we continue to seek initiatives to provide much needed maternity care providers to all women across the country. And not only do we need more midwives, but also more support for education, as only through more education programs can midwifery grow as it should across the country.

The joint statement on rural maternity care states as its first recommendation that women should receive high quality maternity care as close to home as possible; it must be collaborative, and it must be culturally sensitive and respectful. Midwives can provide that care. Midwives are part of the solution. Midwifery care is a safe and cost effective solution that can and must be applied in rural and remote regions to bring birth as close to home as possible.

The eyes of the world will be on Canada in 2017 when the International Confederation of Midwives Congress is held in Toronto. It is up to us to make sure that over the next years we expand midwifery care to provide *Choice* and *Access* to all women and families across Canada.

In closing, I want to thank the Board volunteers and staff whose unfailing efforts have supported me over the last two years. Please join me in welcoming your new President, Joanna Nemrava, as she starts her term in January 2013.

**– Anne Wilson, outgoing CAM President**



Joanna Nemrava

Hello, my name is Joanna Nemrava. I am a mother and practicing midwife in Kamloops, British Columbia. For the past 10 years, I have served on the Board of the Midwives Association of BC and the Board of CAM since 2008. It is very exciting to be the 7<sup>th</sup> President of CAM! On the national stage, Canadian health organizations, political leaders and policy makers are looking to CAM for leadership, direction and participation in maternal newborn health initiatives. More than ever, it is vital that our Association maintain a strong identity and clear strategic plan for the future. It is an honour to be carrying on the excellent work of the Past President, the Board and all of the amazing women who are the founders and builders of our national association. I am inspired and I have large shoes to fill! I carry that responsibility with pride and a vision of a bright future for midwifery across Canada, where there is a midwife for every mother!

**– Joanna Nemrava, incoming CAM President**



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## ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES

### CAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS SIGNED OUR E-LETTER.

We are still a long way from achieving the three goals outlined in the letter, but with your support, we will continue to lobby the government on these issues until all women in Canada have the choice to access midwifery care! Please like our Facebook page and encourage clients and supporters to do so as well!



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### OVER 6000 SIGNATURES FOR CAM'S CHOICE. ACCESS. MIDWIVES. CAMPAIGN!

*CAM delivers letter to the Health Minister of NL*

CAM's advocacy campaign *Choice. Access. Midwives.* wrapped up on October 16<sup>th</sup> with the presentation of over 6000 signatures to the Honourable Susan Sullivan, Health Minister for Newfoundland and Labrador. Since May 5<sup>th</sup>, International Day of the Midwife, CAM has encouraged all supporters to sign an online e-letter addressed to the Prime Minister and federal Health Minister. This letter focused on three main issues regarding access to midwifery care in Canada: lack of access in unregulated provinces and territories, lack of access for Aboriginal communities, and lack of access for many families in rural and remote regions of Canada. CAM saw a surge in support for this campaign in the early fall, as we began to use social media, such as Facebook, to promote the campaign and increase awareness of these issues. CAM has now over 1000 followers on Facebook and it is clear there is a lot of human power that can be mobilized for future campaigns!

The presentation of this letter was warmly welcomed by Minister Sullivan. Anne Wilson, Karene Tweedie (President of AMNL), supporters (Friends of Midwifery NL) and midwifery clients met for a brief exchange

on October 16<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, the Minister publicly announced for the first time the hire of two midwives as consultants to the NL government, Karyn Kaufman and Helen MacDonald. CAM and the AMNL welcomed this as a positive step towards regulation and funding for midwifery care in NL, and encouraged the Minister to continue to take

further action to make access to midwifery care a reality for all women of the province. In addition to this meeting, CAM and the AMNL received numerous media requests during the conference, from both radio and television (CBC, NTV, and others). We look forward to hearing of continued good news out of NL over the next months.



Anne Wilson, being interviewed by CBC NL and NTV (CTV-NL) at the CAM conference.



Anne Wilson, Karene Tweedie and midwifery supporters and clients discuss the importance of access to midwifery care in NL with Minister Sullivan.

## CAM STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH HAITIAN MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION (AISFH)

Since 2009, CAM has been working to strengthen ties with the Haitian midwifery association, (*Association des Infirmières Sages-Femmes d'Haiti*, AISFH). As a next step in this relationship building, Tonia Occhionero (CAM Executive Director) and Emmanuelle Hébert (CAM Vice-President) undertook a visit to Port-au-Prince this past September. During the visit, they met with key stakeholder groups, including the Director General of the Minister of Health, the Head of Aid of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and they visited the *École Nationale des Infirmières Sages-Femmes d'Haiti* (ENISFH), on-site projects and la Maternité Croix-des-Bouquets.

A direct and positive outcome of their presence was a meeting between the midwives of AISFH and ENISFH with key staff at the *Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population* (Minister of Health) and the *Département de la Santé Familiale* (DSF—Department of Family health under the Ministry). The newly appointed Director of the DSF promised to include the midwives on committees working on MNCH initiatives. They were able to get some answers to concerns around a new tent needed for the

school, the location of the temporary school, and they received full support from the Minister of Health regarding CAM's involvement in CIDA's commitment to rebuild the midwifery school.

This visit solidified CAM's intention to develop a CIDA-funded project in collaboration with the AISFH. This project would focus on all three pillars of midwifery, Education, Regulation and Association, in order to holistically rebuild midwifery services in Haiti. We look forward to working in close collaboration with our Haitian colleagues as this project develops.

## HEALTH ACTION LOBBY (HEAL)

CAM is an active member of HEAL ([www.healthactionlobby.ca](http://www.healthactionlobby.ca)), a coalition of 36 national health organizations that represent a broad cross-section of health providers, health regions, institutions and facilities. HEAL represents more than half a million providers and consumers of health care. CAM participated in HEAL's initiatives which included making 2012 pre-budget recommendations to include human resources planning, health information technology and to institute a national continuum of care policy in their strategies. CAM participated in the release of the HEAL commissioned report titled: Functional Federalism and the Future of Medicare in Canada. The report highlights the need for a shared vision of health and



Midwives from the AISFH with CAM representatives: (left to right) Almada Augustin Auremil, Madianite Paul Benjamin, Emmanuelle Hébert, Marie Quettely Chevalier, Rodeny Ifrene Gabriel, Soeur Rose Myrtha Evenou, Tonia Occhionero

health care, sustained leadership by the federal government, as well as action and accountability on the parts of provincial and territorial governments, health care providers and the public. More recently, HEAL was a key advisor to the Health Care Innovation Working Group (HCIWG) of the Council of the Federation. The HCIWG was launched by Canada's Premiers in January 2012 to look at innovative and interdisciplinary ways to improve systems of health care services for Canadians. CAM provided a submission to the Working Group reflecting midwifery's unique method of service delivery which is cost effective and interdisciplinary. HEAL remains involved in an advisory role in ongoing representation to the Working Group.

The federal government however remains unwilling to engage with the Premiers regarding health care thereby rendering advocacy efforts challenging. A toolkit for provincial and territorial associations to assist in advocacy efforts with provinces and territories will be provided by HEAL in the near future.

## 2013 CAM BOARD

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMERGENCY SKILLS

We are working towards an eventual National Emergency Skills Program. Stay tuned for more details and requests for information and feedback from your associations. We are hoping to have a program that features bilingual, online learning, online exams, and in-person practice workshops that can be facilitated in all areas of the country. We are planning on coordinating with our growing educator base to ensure our program is up to date and relevant. This transition will take some time, but it is exciting to see the commitment to make this important program be nationally available. More evidence of Canada leading the way in midwifery excellence!

### GFF

The Ghislaine Francoeur Fund was able to cover the cost of attending the conference in St. John's for two midwives from Haiti, Almaida Augustin, President of AISFH and Quettely Chevalier, Interim Director of the *École Nationale des Infirmières Sages-Femmes d'Haiti* (ENISFH). Almaida Augustin and Marie Quettely Chevalier gave a presentation during the conference on the work of their association and the situation of midwifery in Haiti. Their presence was a highlight of the conference, and the committee looks forward to continued collaboration with the AISFH.

The GFF collected over \$3000 in donations during the conference in St. John's. Many of the conference exhibitors donated door prizes that were won through random draws of those who had donated. In addition, HIROC agreed to sponsor the opening reception of the conference in honour of their Blue Ribbon Campaign for Midwifery in Haiti. CAM has decided to donate this sponsorship directly to the Ghislaine Francoeur Fund, thus bringing the total raised during the conference to nearly \$5500. The GFF would like to thank everyone who gave so generously during the conference; each dollar makes a big difference on the ground in Haiti.



Peter Flattery, CEO of HIROC, stands with Almaida Augustin, President of AISFH, and Marie Quettely Chevalier, Interim Director of ENISFH.

### CAM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The CAM Governance Committee is overseeing the review of the CAM bylaws. The process was initiated in 2011 and continued into the spring of 2012. The CAM Board reviewed the suggested amendments at the Spring Intensive and some final revisions were sent to legal counsel in September 2012 to ensure that revisions comply with the New Corporations Canada Not-for-Profit Act, which came into effect in October 2011.

Compliance with the new Act must be completed by October 2014. The task of complying with the new Act will require significant changes to the governing documents

and bylaws. The governance committee has recommended to the Board that the new set of governing documents, including a new by-laws document be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the members of CAM in November 2013 in Ottawa.

The CAM Governance committee has also recommended to the Board that a process be put in place to enable Past Presidents to share their expertise outside of the Board framework. In December 2012, members of the Governance committee will conduct interviews with CAM's five Past Presidents to gain insight and feedback for future planning.



## CAM'S 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT IN ST. JOHN'S, NL!

This year's conference was held in Canada's most easterly capital city, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Despite the long travel for some, the conference was attended by over 200 delegates and 20 exhibitors. Not only were there delegates from across Canada, but the conference was also attended by midwives and researchers from Haiti, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the U.K., and the U.S. The conference theme *Choice. Access. Midwives.* was highlighted in presentations that touched upon issues of access and choice in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Nunavut, and across Canada.

The conference opened on the evening of October 16<sup>th</sup> with an enriching presentation on access to maternity care in rural and remote communities, given by Dr. Jude Kornelsen. Dr. Kornelsen not only wowed the crowd with stunning visuals, her presentation also demonstrated the critical importance of maternity care providers in small and remote communities. During the same evening, Lorraine Michael, leader of the NL NDP party and Sheilagh O'Leary, St. John's City Councillor, also both spoke in strong support of the midwifery model of care. The evening was topped off by a lovely performance by the "Rare Birds",

a local female fiddle group that includes a retired midwife!

As per usual, the next few days of the conference were a whirlwind of plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, networking moments, and more. Sister Elizabeth Davis gave a far-reaching and inspiring talk that left many in thoughtful reflection. Almida Augustin and Marie Quettely Chevalier, midwives from Haiti, impressed the audience with the resilience and hard work of their association. Dr. Patti Janssen gave an informative and important talk comparing the costs of planned home versus hospital birth in BC. The list of other topics covered by the sessions was diverse, ranging from clinical findings to social media.

The conference also brought much needed local media attention to the lack of regulation and funding for midwifery in Newfoundland and Labrador. Anne Wilson, CAM President, and Karene Tweedie, President of the Association of Midwives of Newfoundland and Labrador were both interviewed by CBC television and NTV (CTV-NL) and both were also interviewed on various radio programs as well. CAM and AMNL would like to thank all the members who traveled from far and wide to attend this conference; the presence of so many midwives really helped us step up the political pressure to make access to midwifery care a reality for the women of NL.



Dr. Jude Kornelsen giving the opening night keynote speech.



Kerry Bebee and Nathalie Pambrun, NACM co-chairs.



Sheilagh O'Leary, City Councillor, St. John's speaking passionately about midwifery

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES



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Anne Wilson, CAM President, with Dr. Douglas Black, President of the SOGC.



Karene Tweedie, left, President of AMNL, and Anne Wilson stand with Lorraine Michael of the NL NDP party.



Midwives and students participate in a hands-on suturing pre-conference workshop.



Dr. Judith Fullerton, right, laughs with a colleague during a break in sessions.



The exhibit hall in the atrium of the hotel.



Almaida Augustin speaks eloquently on the work of the Haitian midwifery association.



Joanna Nemrava, incoming CAM President, Tonia Occhionero, CAM ED, and Anne Wilson, outgoing CAM President.



Nathalie Pambrun and Rachel Dennis surround baby Nimkii in a "midwife embrace."



From left, Karene Tweedie, Kay Mathews, and Pearl Herbert accept flowers and thanks for their tireless efforts to make midwifery care accessible to the women of NL.



## ACROSS CANADA

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The midwives of NL were delighted that our province was selected as the venue for the CAM annual general meeting and conference this year. The theme of *Choice: Access: Midwives* was particularly poignant as women in NL have no choice regarding their maternity care and no access to regulated midwifery. The conference generated a wide range of local media coverage that raised public and political awareness of the issue. There was also a meeting with Susan Sullivan, Minister of Health and Community Services, who made a positive commitment to moving midwifery regulation forward. She announced the recent hiring of consultants, Helen MacDonald and Karyn Kaufman, to work with government to facilitate the regulation and implementation of midwifery practice. Minister Sullivan assured us that AMNL would be involved in the process, so we look forward to working collaboratively with Helen and Karyn towards our goal of funded, regulated midwifery care as a choice for women in our province.



Birth centre in Winnipeg, MB.

### MANITOBA

#### The Birth Centre in Winnipeg: One year anniversary

The first free-standing Birth Centre in the province is a collaborative effort of the Women's Health Clinic (WHC) and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), supported by Manitoba Health. The Birth Centre is more than another option for giving birth in Winnipeg —it is developing into a site that offers a wide range of programs and activities for child-bearing families in Winnipeg, many of whom are receiving care from other obstetrical care providers.

The grand opening took place on October 16, 2011. The birthing area opened in early December, and by December 12, the first baby was born. A first year anniversary open house for the community and families who have received care at the Birth Centre took place on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to the hard work, dedication and vision of the community members who made this dream a reality. The WRHA Midwifery Program and Birth Centre staff are also very appreciative of the support provided by the WRHA Women's Health Program and Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service in planning for a smooth integration of the Birth Centre into the maternity care system in Winnipeg.

The number of births to date is 111, exceeding proposed expectations for the Birth Centre's first year of operation. In addition to midwives, service providers at the Birth Centre also include WHC counselors providing a range of counseling services and health educators offering various programs on parenting and newborn care. The number of births is expected to increase over the next few years with an increase in midwives in the WRHA.

For more information, including a birth centre fact sheet and access to photos, please visit: [www.womenshealthclinic.org/birthingmothering](http://www.womenshealthclinic.org/birthingmothering)

### ALBERTA

The AAM has its first Strategic Plan. Our vision is to ensure universal access to quality midwifery care in Alberta, as a viable and valued choice, for Albertan families. We have been working hard to collaborate with government and policy makers to make this vision become reality. We are very close to signing a three year contract with Alberta Health Services, as well as being in the midst of voting for province-wide "staff bylaws" that will guide the structure for our privileging. An exciting outcome of our negotiations with government is funding for a reporting database that will aid us in statistics collection. To support our growing and engaged association we have hired our first Executive Director, Loren Crook. We hope to have our independent College acclaimed very soon, which will allow us to be truly self governing. At the moment, we have a Health Disciplines Committee which deserves a huge amount of appreciation for working tirelessly with very limited resources and support.



## ACROSS CANADA

And lastly, we welcomed our second cohort of new midwifery students at Mount Royal University this September.

### SASKATCHEWAN

Midwifery is now available in one First Nations Hospital, as well as in 3 out of 13 health regions in Saskatchewan. As of September 2012, there are 12 midwives registered in urban centres. Demand for midwives far exceeds supply throughout the province. Saskatchewan continues to work towards recruitment of midwives, offering education and training opportunities for midwives wanting to work in Saskatchewan, and providing care to women outside of the urban setting. The province is actively trying to develop midwifery services up north in Athabasca. The average home birth rate in the province is around 40-60%.

### QUEBEC

The first birthing centre in Quebec's Monterégie area was inaugurated on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by the Minister of Health, Réjean Hébert. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> birthing centre and the 15<sup>th</sup> midwifery service point in the province. Bravo to all who worked so hard to help this birthing centre see the light of day! The RSFQ is currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Social Services for the renewal of our contract. Our current contract dates back to 2004 and we are hoping to see some important improvements towards making working conditions for midwives both fair and equitable. We are convinced of our profession's value to the health care system and we are determined to negotiate a fair deal!

### NACM

NACM held its Annual Gathering in St. John's just after the CAM conference, October 20-21. Despite no direct funding for the Gathering this year, it was still attended by 18 NACM members. NACM launched its new website, [www.aboriginalmidwives.ca](http://www.aboriginalmidwives.ca), and new resource

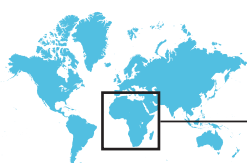


NACM members at the Gathering 2012. Back row from left to right: Nathalie Pambrun, Denise Larocque, Kerry Bebee, Heather Heinrichs, Carol Couchie, Tracy Pittman. Middle row from left to right: Sara Wolfe, Cheryllee Bourgeois, Aileen Morehouse, Sharon Smoke, Akinisie Qumaluk, Brenda Epoo. Sitting from left to right: Julie Wilson, Rachel Dennis, Courtney Purcer

materials the week before the Gathering. The new resources launched by NACM aim to provide not only an inspiration to young people who may be interested in becoming midwives, but also aim to provide concrete knowledge and tools for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities who are looking to reclaim birth and midwifery care. These materials include three inspiring videos, and accompanying pamphlets, focused on the history and importance of Aboriginal midwifery, the scope of practice of a modern Aboriginal midwife, and the educational pathways to becoming an Aboriginal midwife. In addition, a series of ten posters featuring the Core Values of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives and portraits of ten different Aboriginal midwives and students have been released. The website and materials have already been generating significant inquiries and requests from communities and individuals.

The grant that made these resources possible has been renewed for 2012-2013, though for only half the amount of funding. NACM will be focusing on continued development of an in-depth Resource Library and Toolkit for communities interested in returning birth as well as a student mentorship program. NACM will be striving in the coming year to solidify its ability to provide support to any and all communities and individuals that are on the path to reintegrating midwifery.

## AROUND THE WORLD



Emmanuelle Hébert works with members of INFASS (Institut national de formation d'action sanitaire et sociale)



Emmanuelle Hébert with Marie Quettely Chevalier and Almaida Augustin in Haiti.

### INTERVIEW WITH A MIDWIFE

*Emmanuelle Hébert is a professor of midwifery at the University of Quebec at Trois-Rivières (UQTR). She is also involved in several international midwifery projects.*

#### Can you describe your involvement in global midwifery work?

The project in Tanzania I am working on is a twinning project between CAM and TAMA, the Tanzanian midwifery association, with the goal of strengthening our respective associations. In Haiti, I am working with CAM on a project with l'Association des infirmières sages-femmes d'Haïti (AISFH) and the midwifery school that focuses on all three pillars of the development of a profession (education, regulation and professional association). It is a unique and ambitious project because of this holistic approach. In Gabon, several departments of UQTR are working with a training institute for health professionals. I work with a cohort of nine midwives who are training to be professors of midwifery. We also worked with the previous Health Minister of Gabon to put together a direct entry midwifery education program, however under the new Minister, the project is on hold for the moment.

#### How did your global midwifery career begin?

Before I had my daughters, I worked in India and Nicaragua. I knew I wanted to work in international health. I trained to be a midwife after having completed an undergraduate and

Master's degree in Nursing. Unfortunately, at that time maternal and child health was not yet on the international development agenda. However, two years after starting at UQTR, CIDA put forward a call for proposals around maternal and child health, in conjunction with the Muskoka Initiative. It was then that I began work with the international relations office of UQTR on various projects.

#### Describe a typical year in your life, as you balance work in many places.

As a professor, I currently do not attend births, so I am not on call. This gives me a bit more flexibility in my global work. Since January 2011, I have been to Africa 6 times and I am going back next week. Usually I am gone for relatively short periods of time, but it still takes quite a lot of organization! I have to make sure that work is under control before I go and I always have a very busy week when I return. My schedule also requires a lot of flexibility on the part of other people in my life, especially my two daughters.

#### What drew you to global work?

I am inspired by two things. First, I feel very lucky to have been born and raised in Canada, a place where, as a woman, opportunities are numerous. For me, that luck comes with the responsibility to share as much as possible. Second, I feel that the women and midwives of Canada have

developed a model of midwifery that is amazing and also very adapted to developing countries. Our model emphasizes clinical judgment and trains midwives to work with a minimum amount of technology. Respect for women is central to our model. I feel it is deeply important to share our model with midwives around the world.

#### What is your favorite part of your job?

The most nourishing part of my job is the connection with midwives from other countries. Learning about their working conditions and what motivates them is always a source of inspiration to me. Some are real heroines. A strong link exists between midwives around the world.

#### What is the biggest challenge?

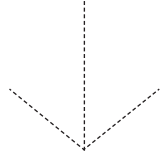
For me, a big challenge, and one that really undermines my motivation, is having to continually repeat certain political work. We invest a lot into encouraging members of the government to put midwifery on their political agendas. And then the work must be done all over again when there is a change in government.

#### Can you offer any words of wisdom to midwifery students?

I think the profession of midwifery is extraordinary. The training is demanding, but there is so much satisfaction in working as a midwife and in being involved in so many different projects.



## THE HEARTBEAT



### WHAT IS IT?

The Heartbeat is a place for CAM members to place an announcement that will be seen by all CAM members. Anyone in your practice having a baby? Has a midwife in your community recently won an award? Did you have a wonderful experience with a preceptor and want to thank her? Want to welcome a new practice member or congratulate a retiring practice member? The Heartbeat is the place to announce any of these occasions and more!

We will also place job postings here if we have space, though the CAM website is still the best place for all job related news.

Should read: Please send title, location and announcement to [admin@canadianmidwives.org](mailto:admin@canadianmidwives.org).

Announcements longer than 50 words will be accommodated if space permits.

Deadline for next issue: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.



Penny Salkeld receives her award.

#### Midwife awarded Jubilee award!

On November 1, 2012, Alberta midwife Penny Salkeld was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee award for over four decades of work with Alberta mothers and their families. Well done, and well deserved Penny!!

#### Offre de contrat

Le Centre de santé et de services sociaux de Chicoutimi (CSSSC) est à la recherche de deux sages-femmes pour se joindre à la chargée de projet, afin de mettre en place le déploiement des services de sages-femmes pour la région du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean et, par la suite, offrir des services pré, per et postnataux à la clientèle. Les sages-femmes intéressées peuvent communiquer avec Sophie Martin, sage-femme et chargée de projet, au 1 418 541-1234, poste 3682, ou à l'adresse courriel suivante : [sophie.martin.csssc@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:sophie.martin.csssc@ssss.gouv.qc.ca). Vous pouvez également déposer votre curriculum vitae par l'entremise du site Web [www.csss-chicoutimi.qc.ca](http://www.csss-chicoutimi.qc.ca), section Carrières.

#### TAMA Midwives will

visit Toronto in January  
Midwives from the Tanzanian Midwives Association, TAMA, will be visiting Toronto as part of the Canada-Tanzania ICM Twinning project from January 9-14<sup>th</sup>. During their stay they will be giving a presentation at Ryerson University (January 10, 2013). For updates on this, please visit: [www.canadianmidwives.org](http://www.canadianmidwives.org).

The CAM office is excited to announce that Eby Heller, CAM/NACM Project Coordinator and her partner are expecting their first child in March 2013. Eby will be taking her maternity leave starting January 18<sup>th</sup>. We wish Eby health and happiness and we look forward to meeting the newest addition to her family! Eby's general good cheer will be missed during her leave but we expect lots of visits to the CAM office...with baby! Best of luck Eby! From the CAM staff.

#### Thank you Anne Wilson!

The CAM Board and staff would like to thank Anne Wilson for her hard work and dedication while President of CAM over the past two years. During her tenure as President, CAM has grown considerably, both in terms of staff as well as the diversity of projects in which the organization is involved. We have appreciated your strong vision, hard work, and your good humour. Thank you Anne!



Vicki Van Wagner

#### A champion for maternal and women's health!

Congratulations to Vicki Van Wagner selected as one of the top 5 finalists for the Health Nexus 3M Leadership Award. The 3M Health Leadership Award honours the outstanding range of leaders who have had a significant impact on the health of their community.

### 2012 ONTARIO STUDENT MIDWIVES CONFERENCE

This September, 100 student midwives (from Ryerson, Laurentian, McMaster, Six Nations and Trois Rivières) gathered at Ryerson University for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Student Midwives Conference. Opening night featured presentations by midwives Carol Couchie and Elizabeth Allemang as well as a truly memorable open mic, where participants were encouraged to share readings, songs, poetry or stories that illustrated their passion for midwifery (side note: definitely ask Elizabeth to tell her story about what to do if you're en route to a birth and your car breaks down, and if you spend time with Ryerson midwifery student Karyn Mierau, make sure she brings her blue ukelele!) The Saturday program ranged from a hands-on palpation workshop led by Judy Rogers, a mini-design charette where groups of students designed their ideal Birth Centre, remarkable presentations about student research projects, and culminated in a panel discussion featuring parents sharing their experiences of having students at their births (for details on the full agenda, visit: [www.ryersonarms.weebly.com](http://www.ryersonarms.weebly.com)). The passion in the room at all times was palpable, and the event wouldn't have been possible without generous support from the AOM, CAM, Ryerson Students Union and all of the wonderful marketplace vendors. We look forward to next year's conference – maybe 2013 will be the year to welcome students from coast-to-coast!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2012

**The CAM Office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### JANUARY 2013

**Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)**

JANUARY 25 & 26, 2013

Ottawa, ON

[www.sogc.org/alarm2005/english/index.shtml](http://www.sogc.org/alarm2005/english/index.shtml)

**Journées de technique Avancées en Gynécologie-Obstétrique, PMA, Périnatalogie et Pédiatrie**

JANUARY 24 – 29, 2013

Havana, Cuba

[www.lesjta.com](http://www.lesjta.com)

**Ontario Hospital Association Legal Series: Risk Management in Obstetrical Care Negotiating Skills Workshop**

JANUARY 29, 2013

Ontario

[www.oha.com/conferences](http://www.oha.com/conferences)

### FEBRUARY 2013

**Best Start Annual Conference**

FEBRUARY, 6-8

Toronto, ON

[www.beststart.org](http://www.beststart.org)

**College National des Sages-Femmes de France; French Congress of Midwives**

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2013

Paris, France

### MARCH 2013

**Commission on the Status of Women**

MARCH 4 – 15, 2013

U.N. Headquarters, N.Y. USA

[www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm)

### APRIL 2013

**International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Regional Americas Conference**

APRIL 25-28, 2013

Quito, Ecuador

### MAY 2013

**Engaging the Team to Protect, Promote and Support Breastfeeding Families**

MAY 3 & 4, 2013

Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

**Association of Ontario Midwives Annual conference**

MAY 6-8, 2013

ON

[www.aom.on.ca/Continuing\\_Education/AOM\\_Annual\\_Conference/](http://www.aom.on.ca/Continuing_Education/AOM_Annual_Conference/)

**ACNM 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Exhibition**

MAY 29 – JUNE 2, 2013

Nashville, TN

[www.midwife.org](http://www.midwife.org)

**Women Deliver:**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference**

MAY 28-30, 2013

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

[www.womendeliver.org/conferences/2013-conference/](http://www.womendeliver.org/conferences/2013-conference/)

### JUNE 2013

**Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting**

JUNE 11-14, 2013

Calgary AB

[www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org)

### OCTOBER 2013

**Midwives Alliance of North America**

OCTOBER 24-27, 2013

Portland, Oregon

[mana.org/mana2013/](http://mana.org/mana2013/)

### NOVEMBER 2013

**Canadian Association of Midwives 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibit**

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2013

Marriott Ottawa, Ontario

[www.canadianmidwives.org/conference/](http://www.canadianmidwives.org/conference/)



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> National CAPWHN Conference**

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2013

Sheraton on the Falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

[www.capwhn.ca](http://www.capwhn.ca)

### FUTURE YEARS

**ICM Triennial Congress**

JUNE 1-5, 2014

Prague, Czech Republic

[www.midwives2014.org](http://www.midwives2014.org)



More info on events at:  
[facebook.com/CanadianMidwives](https://facebook.com/CanadianMidwives)