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PPTRRC Quarterly Update **January 2010**

This is a 'quarterly report' from the Office of the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. The intent is that this update will increase awareness amongst stakeholders involved in paediatric therapy services in BC of the activities of this Office. Feel free to contact the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for further discussion or clarification regarding the content of this update. This is the third quarterly report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Main Initiatives:

Promoting Manageable Workloads

- Christie Diamond has initiated work on phase 2 of our eLibrary project. This initiative will provide an online database for therapists and agencies with quick access to commonly used forms, tools, and other resources pertinent to the delivery of paediatric therapy services in BC. The intent is to improve the efficiency for therapists having to locate and create such tools, thus contributing to a more manageable workload. Christie has already started the process of collecting form templates and compiling resources, and is looking forward to connecting with as many therapists and agencies as possible to help form this initiative. If you have some resources you are willing to share, and/or if you would like to provide input regarding the type of resources that should be included, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Diamond at elibrarybc@gmail.com.

- The Office of the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator is involved as an agency sponsor supporting the work of Kathy Davidson's Master's project on a points-based caseload management tool. It is anticipated that further development of this tool will provide additional resources to continue to work towards manageable workloads for BC's paediatric therapists. Ms. Davidson is currently working towards ethics review of her investigation.

eLearning Initiatives

- Rob Janke, UBC-Okanagan librarian, will be presenting a FREE webinar for BC paediatric therapists on "Effective Literature Searching Strategies for Paediatric Therapists." The webinar will be delivered on February 3rd, 2010 from 3:00 – 4:15. Potential participants are requested to RSVP by emailing consultant@therapybc.ca,

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subject line “webinar.” Those that have RSVP’d will receive an email with registration details towards the end of the month.

eMentoring

- Details regarding the eMentoring program have also been added to the site. If you or your employer are interested in learning more about the eMentoring program offered through Sue Stewart and Sunny Hill Health Centre please visit the following link: <http://www.therapybc.ca/eMentoring.php>

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- We are blogging! Each month I’ll be providing a brief update on the activities of the Office through our blog. You can check it out here: <http://www.therapybc.ca/blog>

- Great new ‘Practice Profile’ of a pilot project on Vancouver Island that trained an aboriginal community member to act as support personnel to help in the delivery of SLP services to 3 remote aboriginal communities. Check out the Practice Profile titled “West Coast Project” at the following link: http://www.therapybc.ca/ta_use.php

- The therapybc website consistently receives more than 2,200 hits a month! It is advertised across Canada via professional association websites and newsletters, and is well positioned in the various search engines. In short, there is simply no better place to advertise your vacant paediatric therapist position!

- Make sure your colleagues and employees are registered in the therapybc database (http://www.therapybc.ca/clinician_register.php). Therapists who have registered their email information with the site and have chosen to receive updates from the PPTC will ensure they are informed of any new initiatives generated by this Office.

Student Initiatives

- Currently working on a document to encourage more paediatric therapists to consider becoming clinical educators. The document addresses the recruitment benefits of taking a student, contains sample clinical learning objectives, and has links to the valuable resources provided by the UBC clinical coordinators for OT, PT, and SLP. Target date for completion is March 2010.