

**Alberta Breastfeeding Committee  
Annual Report 2009**

The Alberta breastfeeding Committee did not call for an Annual General Meeting to present a report of all activities for 2009.

Some notable events from 2009 include the following:

**Members:**

Janie Tyrell (Co-chair), Lesley Deuchar-Fitzgerald (Co-Chair)  
Lisa Loeppky (Secretary), Patricia Leitner (Treasurer)  
Maureen Fjeld, Terry Lawson, Cathy Kimak, Cammie Allen,  
Cheryl Potter, Marilyn Young, Dianne Nikiforuk

The Alberta Breastfeeding Committee officially registered as a not-for-profit society in Alberta, March 30, 2009.

The Corporate Access Number is: 5014616824

Breastfeeding Committee for Canada – Dianne Nikiforuk agreed to be representative on behalf of the Alberta Breastfeeding Committee

Promoted Skin-to-skin care with sale of posters created in Quebec.

Letter of Support – Dr. Jodie Santarossa DVM ejected from Family Court for breastfeeding infant in the courtroom.

CLCA-accl Meeting in Toronto – Dianne Nikiforuk invited to attend on behalf of the Alberta Breastfeeding Committee.

Dr. Nils Bergman Conference in Edmonton, September 30, 2009

“Time Together .... A Neurobehavioural Approach To Newborn Care”

Alberta Breastfeeding Charter ready for formal distribution. First print done in August and distributed to all the participants at the September conference.

**Data Collection**

Definitions for breastfeeding data collection were taken out of draft and accepted by Health Information Standards Council of Alberta (HISCA).

Consultations held with RSHIP for integration of these definitions into data collection Meditech. Breastfeeding data collection in health zones will be phased in at different times throughout this year. (Former Palliser Region, Calgary and Edmonton are up and running; former DTHR and ECH will start this fall.)

Initial discussions have been held regarding suggested breastfeeding targets and reporting of collected data. Most recent meetings cancelled due to AHS restructuring.

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