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A WARM AND SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE PROJECT 1 TEAMS!

As Project 1 data collection comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to thank the Project 1 field teams for all the hard work that has made Project 1 a success to date. They are Provincial Lead Investigators, Research Managers and Research Assistants.

The Manitoba team is Dr. Lesley Degner, Nicole Dunn, Alison Kennedy and Trisha Lindquist. In Saskatchewan we have Dr. Debra Morgan, Duane Minish, Brenda Collacott and Joe Wickenhauser. In Alberta the team is Dr. Greta Cummings, Neha Batra-Garga, Christopher Olsen, Patricia Davison and Sylvianne Greenwood-Plante.

A special thank you to all the administrators, directors of care and staff participants at our 36 sites who supported our efforts despite demanding workloads!

With your help, Project 1 interviewed 3004 healthcare aides face-to-face in the Canadian Prairie Provinces and as a result, we have managed to create one of the highest quality healthcare aide databases in existence! Feedback from investigators, nursing home management, and nursing home staff was always positive and they praised your flexibility and friendliness. I appreciate your creativity and the beautiful cards, treats and gift baskets you have created for the 36 nursing homes – you have embodied TREC in the nursing homes over the past two years. I am excited about the work that we will complete and your contributions have been and will be central to this important project.

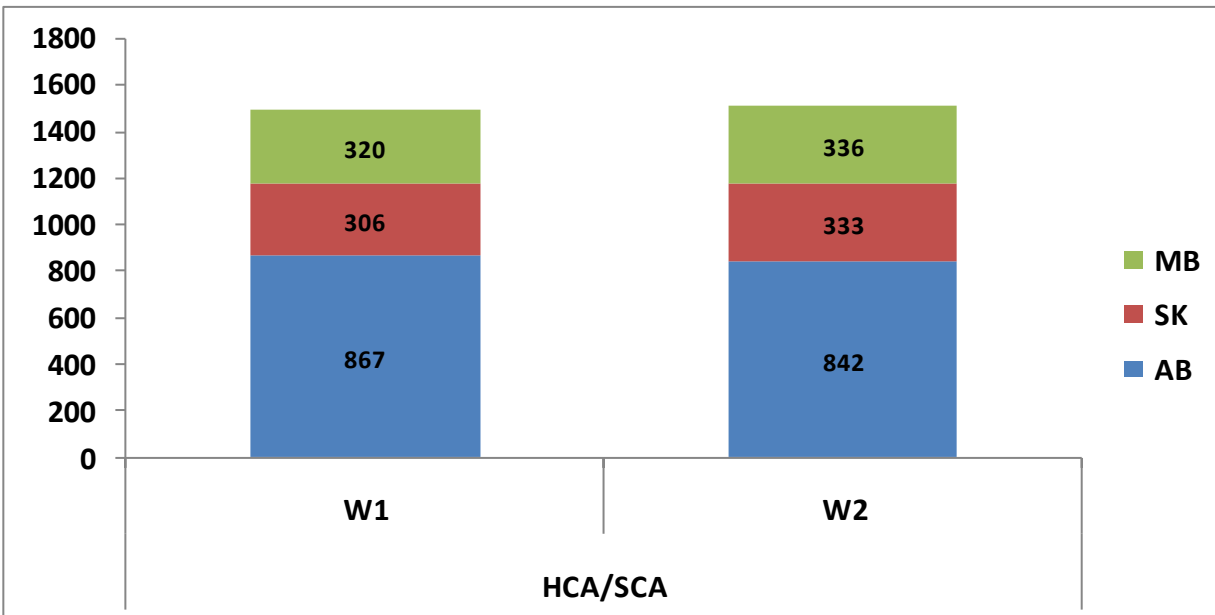
Thank you in particular to the staff who will no longer be with us. We've learned much from you – I hope our paths continue to cross as we go forward. Our energies and focus have begun to shift now to new stages of work. We are busy processing and analyzing data even while the MDS-RAI 2.0 data continue to stream into the data unit. We are beginning to shape publications and reports and importantly are working on a dissemination plan which we expect to roll out in 2011. We will update you on the progress in our next newsletter which you will see in the fall.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer!

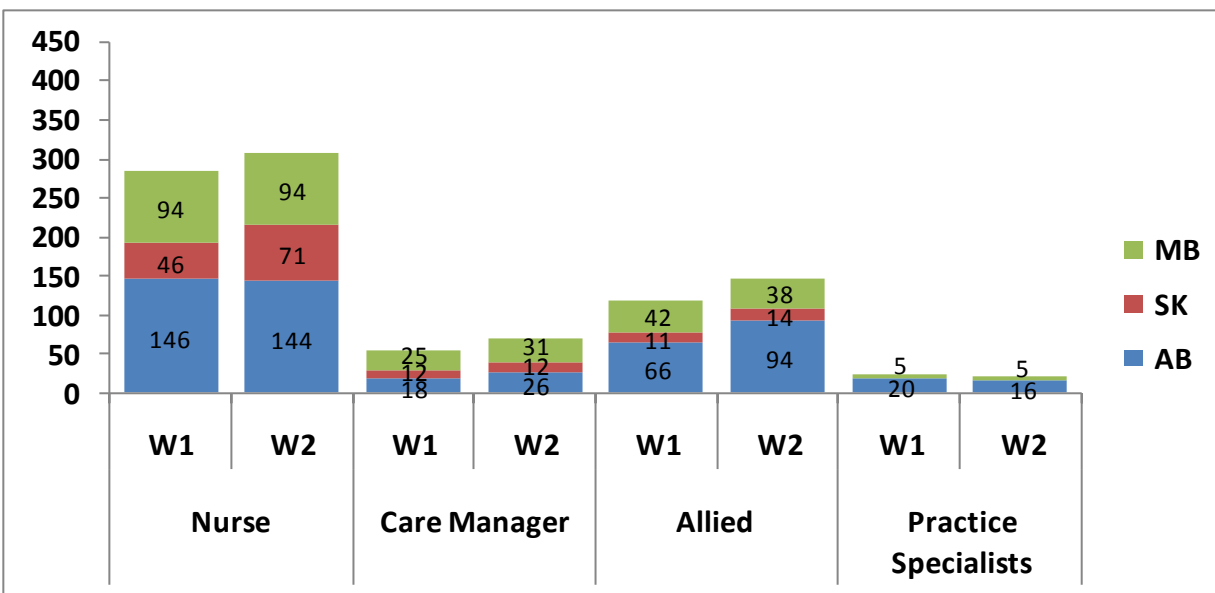
Carole Estabrooks.



NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS FOR PROJECT 1



The above chart indicates that in Wave 1 of data collection 1493 healthcare aides/special care aides were interviewed face-to-face by our research assistants. In Wave 2 this number increased to 1511 aides being interviewed face-to-face.



In Wave 1, 485 regulated staff (nurses, care managers, allied professionals and practice specialists) completed the survey. In Wave 2, the respondents increased to 545.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome to Linda Norton, Manitoba Decision Maker as of July 1, 2010. Linda is replacing Gina Trinidad who is on maternity leave. Linda can be reached at lnorton@wrha.mb.ca