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## *Kelowna 2012 Conference: Shaping Health Services and Policy through Research*

This past week, the Rural Health Services Research Network of BC (RHSRNbc) partnered with the Interior Health Authority, Thompson Rivers University and the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus to host a research conference, which was geared towards facilitating opportunities for individuals to network and enhance their research skills. The conference took place at two different locations over the span of three days; a one-day workshop was hosted at Selkirk College in Castlegar, followed by two-days of workshops in Kelowna. During the three-day event, we had over 100 individuals participate between our Kelowna and Castlegar sites; we had 22 facilitators host 10 informative, hands-on workshops; and we had 14 abstract presentations on current research projects taking place within B.C.'s Interior. The energy, passion and commitment to improving health services within B.C. (which was evident throughout the event) was inspirational!

*"The engagement of participants was my favorite part of this conference. You learn significantly more by doing rather than listening to someone lecture."*

~2012 Kelowna Participant

A **big thank you** to all our participants, planning committee members, sponsors, moderators, abstract reviewers, presenters and workshop hosts for making this conference a success! Conference materials will be posted on [www.rhsrnbc.ca](http://www.rhsrnbc.ca) within the next week.

## ***Our First K2Go Session!***

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On Friday, September 28th the Network hosted a **Knowledge 2 Go** session. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Janis Shandro present her work on bringing health into focus within mining communities through the knowledge translation process. This topic made for great discussion over a light lunch at UBC's Point Grey Campus. A **big thank you** to Dr. Janis Shandro for sharing her experiences, and to both our in-person and web participants for asking great questions.

Please note that these sessions are open to **students, researchers** (both junior and senior), and **health professionals** interested in learning more about rural health services research. These sessions are intended to be an opportunity for participants to network and ask questions surrounding the research process. We hope to host our next session in late -November.

## ***Upcoming Events in BC***

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### ***Research Skill Enhancing Workshops: Preparing for Publication and Knowledge Translation***

November 14th, Prince George BC

RHSRNbc is offering a preconference workshop in support of the 2012 Northern Health Research Days November 14th at the University of Northern British Columbia. **Registration is now open. To register, please visit [www.rhsrnb.ca](http://www.rhsrnb.ca)**

**9:30am – 12:30pm Knowledge Translation: Research into Practice and Policy-** Presented by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, Assistant Professor, UBC Department of Family Practice

**1:30pm – 4:30pm: Preparing for Publication-** Presented by Dr. Shannon Wagner, Associate Professor, UNBC School of Health Sciences

### ***Knowledge Mobilization: Research to Action***

November 15 & 16, 2012, Prince George BC

Healthcare professionals, researchers and community partners will gather on November 15 & 16, 2012 in Prince George to share knowledge on research partnerships and celebrate health research in Northern BC. Attendees can register now for this interactive conference, which consists of networking, knowledge exchange, and a showcase of rural and northern health research.

**Registration for this event is FREE!** Conference registration and other information can be found at: <http://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/ResearchandEvaluation/ResearchDays.aspx>

## ***Inaugural Clinical Educators Conference***

October 22-23, 2012, Prince George BC

This multidisciplinary conference will showcase the use of new technology, research, tools and methods in educating frontline health care staff and students. Prepare to be inspired, innovated and informed. Abstracts and workshop topics will be welcomed from participants from all healthcare disciplines who wish to share their knowledge, expertise or relevant research findings with conference attendees. For more information, please email: [clinicaleducatorsconference@northernhealth.ca](mailto:clinicaleducatorsconference@northernhealth.ca).

## **InspireNet's Fall Conference**

### ***Making Research Partnerships Work: What does it take?***

November 5, 2012, Vancouver BC

This workshop has been designed to provide educational and networking opportunities to create relationships across the research and practice communities in the areas of nursing health services research. Researchers, clinicians, policy-makers, students/trainees and individuals with an interest in nursing health services research are invited to attend this event. The conference registration fee is \$75. Online registration is through the University of Victoria, InspireNet's host institution. For more details, check out: <http://www.inspirenet.ca/Connect-2012>.

## **Centre for Aboriginal Health Research**

### ***2012-13 Brown Bag Speaker Series***

October 17, 2012, Victoria BC

The Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR) is launching their 2012-2012 Brown Bag Speakers Series on October 17th from 11:30am-1pm. The first session will be hosted by Fernando Polanco who will speak on ***Type 2 Diabetes and KCNQ: Mutation in First Nations People of Northern British Columbia***. There are options to attend in-person (CAHR office, 130 Saunders Annex, Victoria) or via web-conferencing. For more information, please visit the CAHR website at <http://cahr.uvic.ca> or contact Robynne at [redgar@uvic.ca](mailto:redgar@uvic.ca).

## ***Half day workshop: How to Design a Randomized Controlled Trial for Family Practice or the Community***

November 24, 2012, UBC Point Grey Campus, Vancouver

**Workshop Host:** Dr. Raina Elley, Associate Professor and Family Physician, Dept. General Practice and Primary Health Care, University of Auckland; Visiting Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Study Research Fellow, University of British Columbia.

**Aim:** There are many opportunities for using randomized controlled trial (RCT) research methodology in family practice or the community to assess the effectiveness of interventions such as lifestyle, practice-based, medical or procedural interventions. This workshop provides the opportunity for those interested to learn how to design and conduct RCTs in family practice or the community. Dr. Elley has considerable research experience and has designed and conducted over 16 RCTs in primary care/the community.

**For more information or to register, please contact Dr. Elley at [c.elley@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.elley@auckland.ac.nz)**

## Upcoming National Events

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### **CHNET-Works! Webinar: Addressing Provider Shortage in Under-served Areas: The role of traditional, complementary and alternative providers in Canadian rural healthcare**

October 18, 2012, 1-2pm (EDT)

The results of a pilot study that examined traditional, complementary and alternative medicine ("TCAM") providers in rural/remote communities of Ontario will be shared. This study mainly focused on what roles TCAM providers were playing in underserved areas.

For more information, check out: [http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com\\_rsevents&view=events&Itemid=6?=en](http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&Itemid=6?=en).

### **Rural Health Research Society's Annual Conference Rural and Remote Health Research: Creative Approaches**

October 25-27, 2012, Lévis Quebec

It's that time again! The Canadian Rural Health Research Society is hosting their annual conference, with this year's focus on creative approaches to rural health research. This conference will offer the opportunity for researchers and their collaborators to network with new and established researchers of many disciplines who are currently engaged in rural, remote and northern health research. For more information, check out: <http://crhrs-scrsr.usask.ca/levisqc2012/index.php>.

## Recent Publications

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