



Hello members!

As the summer draws to a close, I've been thinking a lot about change, especially as we here at the Network's office prepare for our own changes (details to come!). For many people the end of summer is a time of transition, a time for us to refocus our routines and work patterns. You may be gearing up for the new academic year, finishing up any lingering projects, or mentally preparing yourself to go full steam ahead for a busy Fall. Whatever transformations you find yourself in the midst of, know that each of your fellow Network members is there to support you and celebrate your successes. With that in mind, this month's newsletter will give you a better idea of *who* makes up our community of rural health workers and researchers, and what kind of work our members do.

Best of luck to all as we head into the Fall, and I look forward to hearing more about your many accomplishments in the coming months.

-Taylor Fleming, RHSRNbc Coordinator

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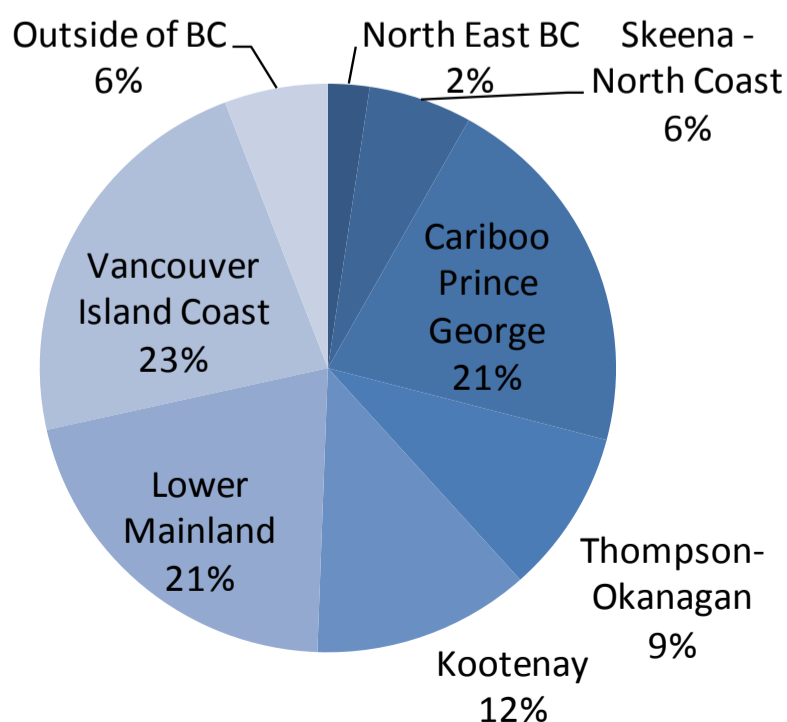
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Who is the RHSRNbc?

Currently, the RHSRNbc is home to 177 researchers and health services providers in the field of rural health. As you can see, the majority of our members are located on Vancouver Island, in the Lower Mainland, or in the Cariboo region of BC. Although, you can find a fellow Network member in every region of BC, and even a few out of province.

We are truly an interdisciplinary network, as our membership is comprised of professionals from a wide range of disciplines, including the private sector, community organizations, nurses, government workers, dietitians, and physicians. However, most members are affiliated with either a BC post-secondary institution or a provincial health authority.

There will be many opportunities for growth in the coming months, and if you have any colleagues eager to join the RHSRNbc, we are always accepting new members through our website at: <http://rhsrnb.ca/membership/membership-2/>



Upcoming Events

Family Medicine Forum

November 7-9, 2013 | Vancouver, BC

Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is the premier family medicine conference in Canada. FMF is co-hosted by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. Providing a full selection of relevant clinical, teaching and faculty development topics, as well as Mainpro-C workshops, FMF 2013 promises something for everyone! Early bird registration closes September 9th. Find more information at: <http://fmf.cfpc.ca/>

North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting

November 9-13, 2013 | Ottawa, Ontario

The Annual Meeting is an extraordinarily rich nexus where researchers bent to the same task can find each other, make common cause, and work as partners to better effect. This meeting is set up so you can work with your collaborators, find new partners, and catch up with old friends. However, it is also the epicenter for the creation of serious new fields of research. If you would like to witness (or better, contribute to) the emergence of the models, methods, and measures that elevate local program and system evaluation to the status of legitimate, generalizable scientific inquiry, come to the Annual Meeting this year. If you would care to discuss with primary care researchers from around the world how networks of policymakers can be incorporated into clinical and operational research to produce more potent and rational primary care health policy, come this year. More information at: <http://www.napcrg.org/meetings/annualmeetingmainpage.cfm>

Stories of Rural Health through Knowledge, Research and Collaborative Action

November 13-15, 2013 | Prince George, BC

This year, Northern Health, the Innovation and Development Commons, and the University of Northern BC are teaming up with the Canadian Rural Health Research Society to offer an action packed three-day conference in Prince George. This year's theme will focus on research and collaborative action in rural health. Registration now open at: <http://crhrs-scrsr.usask.ca/pgbc2013/>

"If you want physicians to go to location where they need to do more caring and service than usual, you have to pick students who want to do more service and caring than usual."

- Robert C. Bowman, M.D. 2001

Educational Opportunities

The CARE Course: Comprehensive Approach to Rural Emergencies

November 2-3, 2013 | Sechelt, BC

The CARE Course is an education package and community of rural emergency medicine providers. The intended audience is physicians, nurses and paramedics. Developed by rural health care professionals, the two-day course provides interactive hands-on learning in a fun, warm and supportive interprofessional environment. Medical, trauma and obstetric emergency management are featured. The focus is appropriate to the realities of rural practice and will provide attendees with the skills they need in the Emergency Department. This course is delivered to small groups of healthcare providers in their own rural facility.

The CARE Course meets the accreditation criteria of The College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for 17 Mainpro-C credits. The CARE Course is approved for 14 educational credits for paramedics by the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board in BC. Information and registration available at: http://www.rccbc.ca/education/The_CARE_Course



Funding Opportunities

RHSRNbc Travel Bursary Competition

The RHSRNbc offers four bursaries—three national bursaries of up to \$450 and one international bursary of \$750—to subsidize the cost of travel, accommodation, and other expenses related to conference participation. Bursaries are awarded to RHSRNbc members who have been invited to present their rural health services research orally or as a poster at either a national or international conference. This application has a rolling deadline, so be sure to get yours in soon!

Find the application at rhsrnb.ca/the-latest-in-rural-health-research/funding/

Health Officer's Council of BC Public Health Bursaries

The Isabel Loucks Foster Public Health Bursary Fund and BC Associated Boards of Health (Dr. Ken Benson Memorial Bursaries) offer post-graduate students up to \$3,000 in bursaries. Students studying public health, such as nursing, nutrition, or environmental health are eligible to apply.

Apply by September 6, 2013 at <http://healthofficerscouncil.net/bursaries/>

CIHR Institute Community Support Travel Awards

Through the Institute Community Support (ICS) Program, the CIHR Institutes are launching the ICS Travel Awards competition for students, postdoctoral fellows, new investigators and knowledge users to present their own research at national and international meetings and/or conferences.

Apply by September 23, 2013 at <http://ow.ly/oIZPL>

Spotlight on Research: RHSRNbc Team Awards

In July, the RNHSRNbc announced the winners of this year's Collaborative Team Awards. Dr. Pesut of the University of British Columbia Okanagan, and Dr. Brussoni of the University of British Columbia were each awarded \$5000 to promote and support the development of new multidisciplinary research teams whose main goal is to develop a competitive rural health services research funding proposal. Dr. Pesut's project will focus on building knowledge about how to improve care for individuals living with life-limiting chronic illness in small rural communities like Princeton, BC. Dr. Brussoni's project, *Creating Childhood Injury Prevention Strategies in Rural Communities*, will fund a collaboration between researchers, rural injury prevention stakeholders, and health professionals in order to develop a community-based injury prevention research proposal that targets rural fathers.

Now, two months after receiving the award, Dr. Brussoni is planning a team meeting for early Spring 2014 that will provide the opportunity to share expertise and to lay out a research and intervention strategy. Her team is currently working with Preventable, an organization that aims to prevent injury through social marketing. Together, they are gathering the information and resources to support the project.

We'll continue to follow our Team Award winners as they move forward with their projects!

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Be sure to check out the First Nation Health Authority's new website at: www.fnha.ca

