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Get Ready for Fall!

Welcome back from summer RHSRNbc members! We hope your summer was enjoyable and full of sunshine! With this new season right around the corner, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the fun and exciting research events coming up.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **K2Go***
 - [Once per Month, Various Locations](#)
- **Shaping Health Services and Policy through Research Conference**
 - [October 1-4, Kelowna BC](#)
- **Preparing for Publication and Knowledge Translation Workshops**
 - [November 14th, Prince George BC](#)
- **Knowledge Mobilization: Research to Action Conference**
 - [November 15 & 16th, Prince George BC](#)

*Based on feedback from our Site Leaders, we have decided to change the name of our knowledge translation sessions from KT-to-Go to **K2Go** (Knowledge to Go) with the objectives of sharing ideas and building collaboration through networking. Although the setup of our **K2Go** sessions will be very similar to that of our past KT-to-Go luncheons, we believe our new name aligns better with our objectives for these sessions. These sessions are intended to be highly interactive, whereby the exchange and dissemination of ideas and knowledge will foster the growth of research ideas and proposals. Our **K2Go** series will start this September, and will be open to researchers (both junior and senior) and health professionals who are interested in developing research ideas and sharing their own rural health research.

First Annual Advisory Committee Meeting

On August 10th, the RHSRNbc hosted its first annual *Advisory Committee Meeting* with our Site Leaders. Over the past year, in efforts to strengthen rural research capacity within BC, the network has reached out to health service research experts at BC's academic institutions. These experts have become our Site Leaders, and will act as both an RHSRNbc Advisory Committee member as well as a representative at their respective institutions. The meeting was a great success, with Site Leaders offering wonderful input, expertise and ideas, which will enhance the current capacity within this network, and subsequently within rural health services research. The results of this meeting will be reflected in RHSRNbc's next strategic plan, which is currently in the process of being developed.

Our New Network Coordinator



Alisha Zacharias,
RHSRNbc Network
Coordinator

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kaitlin Irving for her hard work and dedication to the RHSRNbc. Over the past year and a half, Kaitlin worked as the RHSRNbc Network Coordinator, and was instrumental in getting this network off the ground and into what it is today— thank you Kaitlin! Alisha Zacharias will be assuming Kaitlin's role, as the RHSRNbc Network Coordinator. Alisha recently completed an M.Sc. in Global Health at McMaster University. Prior to joining the RHSRNbc, Alisha worked abroad in Scotland, as well as locally with the Canadian Red Cross and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Alisha's love for travel has afforded her opportunities to work in rural settings, including within India and Thailand, on projects addressing poverty and HIV. Through these experiences, she has become very passionate about improving and strengthening rural health services, and is very excited to take on this new role.



We wish Kaitlin the best of luck in her future endeavors!

Recent Publications

Skinner, K., Hanning, R.M., Metatawabini, J., Martin, I.D., & Tsuji L.J.S. (2012). Impact of a school snack program on the dietary intake of grade six to ten First Nation students living in a remote community in northern Ontario, Canada. *Rural and Remote Health* **12: 2122**. Available: <http://www.rrh.org.au>

Stagg P. & Rosenthal, D.R. (2012). Why community members want to participate in the selection of students into medical school. *Rural and Remote Health* **12: 1954**. Available: <http://www.rrh.org.au>

Upcoming Events in BC

Shaping Health Services and Policy through Research **October 1st- 4th 2012, Kelowna BC**



Registration is NOW OPEN!

Join the *Rural Health Services Research Network of BC* and *Interior Health* in Kelowna on October 2nd & 3rd for the 2012 Research Conference and for Evidence Matters Seminars on October 1st and 4th in Castlegar and Kelowna. This conference is an opportunity for health professionals, academic faculty, researchers and students to share their research, learn about research occurring in Interior Health and attend research skill building workshops. There is no charge for registration. Research workshops will include: Developing Surveys and Questionnaires, Conducting Interviews and Focus Groups, Skills for Successful Grant Applications and more! Please note, **four travel bursaries are also available!** To download an application from our website visit www.rhsrnb.ca.

Preparing for Publication and Knowledge Translation **November 14, 2012, Prince George BC**



RHSRNbc is offering a preconference workshop in support of the 2012 Northern Health Research Days on November 14th at the University of Northern British Columbia. **This event is free.** Registration will open in mid-September. For more information please email info@rhsrnb.ca.

- 9:30am – 12:30pm: **Knowledge Translation: Research to Practice and Policy**
Presented by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, Assistant Professor, UBC Department of Family Practice
- 1:30pm – 4:30pm: **Preparing for Publication**
Presented by TBD

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 save the date 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>

Call for Abstracts!

Abstracts are invited for the 2012 Research Days Conference in Prince George.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday October 1, 2012.

Upcoming Events in BC

Health Research Using Linked Data

September 17, 2012, Vancouver BC

Population Data BC is hosting a seminar by David Ford, co-Lead of the Health Informatics Research Unit (HIRU) for Wales. This unit has quickly established itself internationally as one of the most successful data centres in terms of breadth of data sources, speed of access, and collaboration with policy makers. The seminar will take place at UBC's Point Grey Campus on September 17th, from 12-1pm. To attend please R.S.V.P. todd.lane@popdata.bc.ca.

Inaugural Clinical Educators Conference

October 22-23, 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.

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>.

Upcoming National Events

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>.

Rendez-Vous 2012

October 9-14, 2012, Thunder Bay Ontario

The Rendez-Vous 2012 Conference aims to convene health professionals, educators, students, and researchers from all parts of the world to share experiences, opportunities, and challenges of community participation in education, service, and research. Through a variety of forums during the conference, participants' involvement will include engaged and thought provoking discussions and collaborative learning related to their perspectives of, insights in, and innovative strategies for community participation in education, research and service. **Full registration closes on September 5, 2012.** Check out Rendez-Vous 2012 website for more details:

<http://www.rendez-vous2012.ca/>.

Funding Opportunities: Research Awards & Bursaries

Operating Grant: Population Health Intervention Research

Deadline: September 14, 2012

New Investigator Salary Award

Deadline: September 17, 2012

Healthcare Renewal Policy Analysis

Deadline: September 19, 2012

Travel Awards

Deadline: September 21, 2012

Operating Grant: Knowledge to Action

Deadline: October 1, 2012

For a comprehensive listing of research awards, check out:

www.researchnet.ca



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