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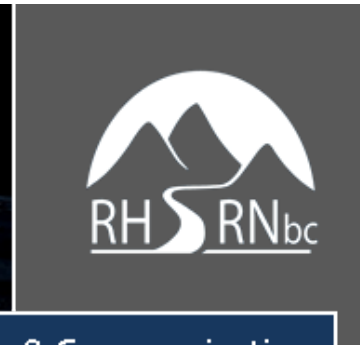
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Building Capacity, Collaboration & Communication

Dear RHSRNbc members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and that you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather that is finally upon us. April is an exciting month for the Network as we prepare for the upcoming Rural Health Services Conference being held on April 25-26 at the TRU campus in Kamloops. The conference, entitled *Developing Intercultural Connections and Practical Solutions for Improving Health: Health Science and Community Partnering*, has been planned in partnership with Interior Health, Thompson Rivers University, and the First Nations Health Authority. This two-day event promises a schedule filled with interesting sessions, workshops, and unique presentation formats such as the 'walk with a presenter' and pecha-kucha sessions.

The RHSRNbc is once again featuring our annual **Collaborative Team Building Awards** in this newsletter. We will begin accepting applications on May 1, 2016 -- please see the box below for additional information. If you have any questions about the applications or the awards themselves, please feel free to contact us for assistance or advice.

Warm Regards,
Max McAlpine, Network Coordinator

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Website update

The RHSRNbc [website](#) was temporarily offline for regularly scheduled maintenance, but is once again active and being regularly updated with new content.

Check back frequently for

conferences dates,
workshops, news items,
funding opportunities, and
RHSRNbc announcements!

RHSRNbc Collaborative Team Building Awards

On May 1, we will begin accepting applications for the RHSRNbc Collaborative Team Building Awards. We have three awards of \$5,000 each available to support the development of new multi-disciplinary research teams focused on an issue of current importance to rural and remote health services.

We have received exceptionally strong applications over the past few years, and look forward to once again seeing the innovative projects that will be proposed to stimulate new research and team building in rural BC health services.

For further information and application instructions, please visit our website or click here to download our award information form.

Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2016.

Monthly Profile Features

Would you like to be profiled in an upcoming newsletter?

Fill out our quick and easy [form](#) on the website, or contact the RHSRNbc coordinator (info@rhsrnbc.ca) with a description of the work you're doing in the field of health services research.

Rural Health Service Research Mentorship

The RHSRNbc is working with our partners to build and formalize a program of mentorship aimed at supporting health services research in rural BC. Beginning next month, we will be creating an opt-in process whereby network members with rural health research experience may register their level of interest in serving as a potential mentor for individuals wishing to embark on a program of research.

As our mentorship database grows and evolves, communication and partnership between junior researchers and experienced members will be actively encouraged and facilitated. In order to stimulate exposure and growth of the program, our monthly newsletter will now contain a recurring section devoted to updates and opportunities for mentorship as they arise.

If you are an experienced individual in the area of rural health services research who might wish to act as a mentor, please contact the [network coordinator](#) expressing your interest and area of specific expertise, or stay tuned for our formalized registration process which will be available through the RHSRNbc website beginning in May.

Funding Opportunities

Vancouver Foundation Grants

Check out Vancouver Foundation's [website](#) for information on their many grants!

RHSRNbc Travel Bursary Competition

RHSRNbc offers four bursaries to **RHSRNbc members** who have been invited to present their rural health services research at a conference. Find the application [on our website](#).

Upcoming Abstract Deadlines

- Consortium of Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships (CLIC): abstract deadline May 6, 2016. For more information, visit the [CLIC website](#)
- IDC Research Days 2016 - Making Research Matter: Celebrating Evidence Implementation in Northern BC. Abstract Deadline September 18, 2016. For more information, visit the [website](#)



Upcoming Events

Interior Health Research Conference April 25-26, 2016 | Kamloops, BC, | [More information here](#)

In partnership with the RHSRNbc, Thompson Rivers University, and FNHA, Interior Health is pleased to announce the 2016 conference: *Developing Intercultural Connections and Practical Solutions in Health: Health science and community partnering*. The conference promises two days filled with interesting sessions, workshops, and unique presentations formats such as a 'walk with a presenter' and pecha-kucha sessions. [Online registration](#) is still open for a limited time.

UBC CPD: Rural Rounds

Ongoing: Sept. 2015 - June 2016 | [More information here](#)

UBC's Rural Continuing Professional Development (RCPD) program is pleased to present the [2015/16 Rural Rounds schedule](#). The Rural Rounds series aims to provide relevant, up to date and rurally specific CME in your community. Speakers either live and work in rural areas of BC, or possess an understanding of the unique circumstances of the rural health care provider.

In the News

How do you die from [Alzheimer's disease?](#)

Innovative [crisis simulation training](#) at Lions Gate Hospital

A killer high: how Canada got [addicted to fentanyl](#)

Seniors in long-term care are often [overprescribed drugs](#), study finds.

Wading through the [mental health care](#) system in Canada

Hands-On Ultrasound Education Obstetrics Course (HOUSE-OB)

Ongoing | [More information](#)

The Hands-On Ultrasound Education Course (HOUSE-OB) was designed specifically for rural health care practitioners who provide obstetrical care to patients. This course is comprised of a series of hands-on sessions designed specifically for rural physicians who provide obstetrical care to patients.

2017 Network Symposium

The RHSRNbc is seeking input from our members for themes to

SRPC Rural and Remote Conference May 5-7, 2016 | Charlevoix, Quebec | [More information here](#)

This year's SRPC Rural and Remote Conference, held at the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu in Charlevoix, will be exceptional for both its educational programming and social events. The preliminary program is now available [here](#), and additional information can be found on the SRPC website.

Vancouver Island Health Authority: Five Days in May May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Online via WebEx | [More information here](#)

Spring is here, and that means Five Days in May is just around the corner! Five Days in May is Island Health's flagship health research month, designed to educate, inform, inspire, and stimulate. Save the date for every Tuesday in May (and an added "bonus" in celebration of Nursing Week), and come together with colleagues, patients, researchers and community collaborators to learn, network and spark innovation.

Rural Emergency Continuum of Care (RECC)

June 9-10, 2016 | Prince George, BC | [More information here](#)

Rural and regional physicians and specialists, nurses, nurse practitioners, allied healthcare practitioners, administrators, and health educators are all invited to learn about rural medicine, including emergency medicine, hands-on skills enhancement, inter-professional team practice, and [wilderness medicine](#). Registration is now open, and the RECC brochure can be viewed online [here](#).

be included in the next installment of the bi-annual symposium.

Beyond the current topics of maternity care and rural emergency services, themes such as rural surgical service and geriatric care may be included, and we would like feedback from our members as to other potential themes for consideration.

To make a suggestion, please contact the [network coordinator](#).

Recent Publications

[Interactive telemedicine: effects on professional practice and health care outcomes.](#)

[Depression and anxiety among middle-aged women: A community-based study.](#)

[A randomised trial assessing the acceptability and effectiveness of providing generic versus tailored feedback about health risks for a high need primary care sample.](#)

[Collaborative relationships and learning in rural communities.](#)

[James Cook University's decentralised medical training model: an important part of the rural workforce pipeline](#)

[in northern Australia](#)

[Peer mentoring: evaluation of a new model of clinical placement in the Solomon Islands undertaken by an Australian medical school](#)

[Barriers around access to abortion experienced by rural women in New South Wales, Australia](#)

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