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Hello RHSRNbc members!

January saw some exciting progress for the Networks. We continue to work diligently away at preparing for the 2014 Rural Health Services Research Conference, as well as getting ready for the promotion of this year's Collaborative Team Awards. The RHSRNbc, accompanied by the Centre for Rural Health Research, also took part in a weekend retreat, during which time we brainstormed ideas for the coming year, as well as focused on a clear vision for the year. However, we are always open to input, so if there are any programs or resources you would like to see the Network develop, let us know at info@rhsrnb.ca.

Cheers,
Taylor Fleming, RHSRNbc Coordinator

Save the Date: 2014 Rural Health Services Research Conference!

Join us from **April 10-11, 2014** at the [Manteo Waterfront Resort](#) in Kelowna, BC for the 2014 Rural Health Services Research Conference, entitled "Building Intersections for Vibrant Rural Communities: Research on Health, Wellness, and Place." This year's theme focuses on intersections between research, practice, and policy for health built environments. **Registration will open shortly.** Visit our [website](#) for more information. And if you need a little help getting to the conference, be sure to apply for one of the RHSRNbc's [travel bursaries](#). We hope to see you there!

2014 Rural Health Services Research Conference
10-12 April 2014 Manteo Waterfront Resort Kelowna, BC

Building Intersections for Vibrant Rural Communities
Research on Health, Wellness, and Place

Join us for this innovative conference featuring creative and interactive sessions, including participatory dialogue, workshops, networking, and exchange! We invite abstracts for policy dialogue, workshops, pedicure, presentations, knowledge translation and exchange discussions, and poster or mixed-media presentations.

Call for Abstracts Now Open!
Visit www.rhsrnc.ca for details!

Upcoming Events

NCCMT Feature: Knowledge Translation (KT) Planning Primer

Feb 11 at 10am | Online [here](#)

A comprehensive use of evidence entails the application of evidence over the life span of an intervention from planning, through implementation to evaluation and refinement or continuous improvement. The Casebook on Intervention Evidence Use showcases stories of five organizations successes and challenges with the use of evidence in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion and chronic disease prevention interventions.

Of Walls, Moats, and Ceilings: Reconceiving Health Human Resources in the Era of Quality Improvement

Feb 20, 2014 at 10am | Online [here](#)

This presentation and discussion will highlight the challenges inherent in aligning human resource policies and practices with the precepts of patient-centred care dedicated to continuous quality improvement. Meeting these challenges will involve questioning historical assumptions, developing strategies for optimizing scopes of practice, and creating the conditions under which team-based care can flourish.

A new way of looking at best practices in Aboriginal communities

Feb 26, 2014 at 10am | Online [here](#)

A series of speakers will share their experience with the development of a Framework methodology and selection criteria, the support garnered from Aboriginal communities and will also introduce several of the selected Aboriginal best practice health interventions on mental wellness and strong healthy bodies.

Incubating Health Communities in Rural and Remote Communities: Healthy Canada by Design in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan

March 4, 2014 at 10am | Online [here](#)

Public health staff from Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, and the Planners contracted to support their work, will be talking about the steps they have taken to build health considerations into the land use and transportation planning processes in rural and remote communities with funding provided by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer through the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative.

International Health Data Linkage Conference

April 28-30, 2014 | Vancouver, BC | More information [here](#)

This conference is intended to highlight what is happening in the world of linked population-based data as it applies to public policy regarding the health of populations. What are the new and exciting data sources? What fields are

furthest ahead in capitalizing on data to produce evidence for public policy? What evidence are they producing? What can we learn from use of big data in the private sector? Where will we be 10 years from now? Come join us and help chart that future. **Early bird registration closed February 21, 2014.**

Creating Rural Connections 2014 Event Series

April 25, May 9, May 26, 2014 | Calgary, Grand Prairie, and Edmonton, Alberta | More information [here](#)

In partnership with 21 member post-secondary institutions, ARDN is hosting the Creating Rural Connections 2014 Event Series. The events will focus on issues important and relevant to Albertans and provide opportunities for you to learn, network, share expertise, and partner on innovative initiatives that contribute to the quality of life in rural Alberta! Registration and Call for Presentations is open for the first event in this series, which is centered around vulnerable populations.

Check it out!

Emergency Room: Life and Death at VGH, a six-part documentary series challenges viewers with some of the most pressing health care issues right now. Episodes were filmed at Vancouver General Hospital, and are made available online. The documentary's interactive website also features discussion boards for healthy debate on current service and care issues, as well as pages for people to share their emergency care stories. Check out the site and episodes of the documentary [here](#).

Workshops

Introduction to Systematic Reviews

April 29, 2013, 9-4pm | Vancouver General Hospital | More information [here](#)

This one day course is intended to provide participants with an understanding of systematic review methodology and what is entailed in completing such a task. Participants who attend the one day course will then have a clear idea of the work required in completing a systematic review. They will also have an opportunity to refine their research question.

In the News

- Rural pre-medicine program aims to tackle doctor shortages. Read [here](#).
- BC Midwives advocate for more spending to improve access to maternity care. Read more [here](#).
- 24 outstanding statistics and figures on how social media has impacted the health care industry. Read [here](#).

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 [on our website](#).

CIHR Foundation Scheme 2014 Live Pilot

Registration deadline: June 23, 2014 | [More info online](#)

The Foundation Scheme is designed to contribute to a sustainable foundation of new and established health research leaders, by providing long-term support for the pursuit of innovative and high-impact research programs.

Recent Publications

[Charles, S. M., & Cuevas, A. K.](#) (2014). Environmental and Occupational Health in Rural Areas. Rural Public Health: Best Practices and Preventive Models, 187.

[Hicken BL, Smith D, Luptak M, & Hill RD.](#) (2014). Health and Aging in Rural America. Rural Public Health: Best Practices and Preventive Models, 241.

[Kosteniuk JG, Morgan DG, Bracken J, Kessler P.](#) Adventures in rural and remote health services innovation: the role of researcher as collaborator. Rural and Remote Health 14: 2898. (Online) 2014.

[Menec VH, Nowicki S.](#) Examining the relationship between communities' 'age-friendliness' and life satisfaction and self-perceived health in rural Manitoba, Canada. Rural and Remote Health 14: 2594. (Online) 2014.

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