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Hello RHRNbc members!

We are now over half way through 2014, and for me, this week marks one year since I joined the Network as Coordinator, as well as the start of my last month in this position. This has me thinking about all that I've learned, and all that I've accomplished with the RHRNbc since stepping in to this role. I know that for many people, myself included, giving yourself credit for your hard work can be a challenge. We don't want to come off as boastful, or ostentatious, and really when excellence is an expectation why applaud yourself? But, as much of a challenge as it may be, it is important to recognize our own accomplishments and competencies. So I'm looking back on my year with the Network with pride in all that I have accomplished and learned from this position, and the amazing people I've met, and I challenge you to do the same with all of your hard work to advance rural health in BC.

Cheers,
Taylor Fleming, RHRNbc Coordinator

And the Collaborative Team Award goes to....

Congratulations to [Dr. Susana Caxaj](#) of the University of British Columbia Okanagan campus, and her team of researchers! Her project, *Building belonging in the South Similkameen: Towards community-wide cross-cultural mental health promotion*, has been selected to receive \$5000 in funding from the Network, for the purpose of bringing together the many interdisciplinary members of this team to develop it. This project aims to examine the community- and system-level factors that influence a sense of belonging between different groups in the South Similkameen in order to develop approaches towards mental illness prevention and mental health promotion. We are so excited to see what comes out of this project!

Thank you to all applicants for your submissions.

Upcoming Events

2014 Childhood and Adolescent Obesity

Sept 24-26 | Winnipeg, MB | [More information here](#)

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals and policy makers working in the field of childhood and adolescent obesity. The 5th conference will focus on the burden of obesity among Indigenous Youth and particularly on the strengths youth. This theme will address a major gap in our understanding of the role that resiliency plays in the prevention and management of obesity. Through presentations from Indigenous youth living in communities with a high burden of obesity, sharing circles with Indigenous leaders and stakeholders and presentations from experts, the conference will turn the discussion to the strengths of Indigenous youth. Additionally, we will explore interventions designed to promote these strengths and enhance resiliency among children and adolescents.

International Indigenous Health Conference

Oct 5-10 | Winnipeg, MB | [More information here](#)

The International Network in Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INIKHB) in partnership with the Manitoba Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) will be hosting the upcoming International Indigenous Health Conference in 2014. This conference builds on the INIKHD's international gathering held every two years that is dedicated to improving the lives of Indigenous peoples globally through Indigenous and community-led research, health services and workforce development. This year's conference will include a focus on Indigenous health research in true collaboration, and mentoring new investigators and graduate students.

Registration is open!

MSFHR End-of-Grant KT Workshop

Oct 23 | Vancouver, BC | [More information here](#)

A new workshop co-sponsored by MSFHR and the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) will help researchers and trainees learn how to develop an end-of-grant knowledge translation plan. The half-day workshop, scheduled for Oct. 23, 2014, is open to researchers and trainees interested in learning how to incorporate knowledge translation into their grants. Led by Sharon Straus, director of the knowledge translation program at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital, the workshop aims to help participants understand the difference between end-of-grant KT and integrated KT while providing a framework for writing an end-of-grant KT section. **Applications will be accepted until Sept 4, 2014.**

Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation Annual Lecture

3pm, Nov 6 | Vancouver, BC | [More information here](#)

The speaker for the C2E2 Annual Lecture is Dr. Robert Reid, Group Health Medical Director, Research Translation.

Please mark your calendar for the Lecture and reception afterwards. The title of the lecture is “Moving Towards the Learning Health Care System: Integrating research into practice and policy”. Dr. Reid is based at Group Health, one of the highest performing health care systems in the US, where his work centres on bringing research evidence to practice and policy. He is able to draw on a wealth of experience and has a very impressive track record in health services research and policy. He will, I’m sure, deliver an outstanding lecture, with some very important lessons for us all as we work to ensure that our research combines both relevance (to patients, practitioners and decision makers) and scientific rigour.

Northern Health Research Days 2014 - Partners for Health: Communities, Families, Researchers, & Care Providers

Nov 5-7 | Prince George, BC | More info [here](#)

Health authority employees, researchers, students, health care practitioners and community organizations are invited to submit their abstract for an oral or poster presentation. We are also seeking abstracts for two to four hour afternoon workshops. We welcome all submissions that relate to our conference themes and objectives. **Abstracts will be accepted until Sept 5.**

In the News

- [Read](#) about the benefits of groups visits, both for patients and providers.
- Dr. Kim McGrail shares with CBC the state of primary health care in BC. Listen [here](#).
- A midwifery program in Manitoba with a core Aboriginal mandate has been halted indefinitely. Read more [here](#).
- Rural residents with disabilities are less likely to receive colon cancer screening. Check out this story [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 Operating Grant: Population Health Intervention Research

Deadline for [application](#) is Sept 9, 2014. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support population health intervention research on timely population health interventions. For this funding opportunity, eligible population health interventions are “natural experiments” defined as programs, policies and resource distribution approaches that have been initiated by others (e.g., policy makers) and have the potential to impact health and health equity at the population level.

Recent Publications

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