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Hello RHSRNbc members!

We didn't forget about you! Things at the Network have been very busy as we prepare for the [2014 Rural Health Services Research Conference](#). The event is coming together very nicely, and this collaboration with Interior Health Authority has been such a positive experience. Registration is now open, and we look forward to seeing a few familiar Network faces in Kelowna!

Cheers,  
Taylor Fleming, RHSRNbc Coordinator

## Register for the 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.rhsrnb.ca](http://www.rhsrnb.ca) for details!

## Upcoming Events

### PHAC: The Lessons Learned from the Knowledge Development and Exchange -- Healthy Living Projects

March 20 at 10am | Online [here](#)

The Canadian Active After School Partnership, strives to support the delivery of, and access to, quality after school programs - with the ultimate goal of increasing physical activity levels, healthy eating and healthy weights, and mental resilience among Canada's children and youth.

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### 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.**

### 1st BC eHealth and Innovative Technology Showcase

May 9 | Vancouver, BC | More information [here](#)

An exciting brand new conference co-hosted and developed by the UBC eHealth Strategy Office and UBC Division of Continuing Professional Development (UBC CPD). Regardless of whether or not you are an innovator, average user, novice or technophobe, this conference will appeal to you as we showcase the most practical and applicable eHealth technologies and innovations relevant to a busy BC health care provider today! Practical, easy, and fun!

We will aspire to assist every participant to identify at least one eHealth tip/approach that they can immediately use in their own professional practice to enhance patient care that is in synchrony with the evolution of eHealth in BC. In the long term we are planning to engage professionals by supporting them with tools and education to navigate the fluctuating technological landscape.

### Community University Victoria Conference

May 20-22 | Victoria, BC | More information [here](#)

As universities seek to enhance their potential to contribute to the public good, there is growing effort globally to promote community-university engagement. At the same time communities, organizations and governments seek to

leverage the knowledge and resource capacity of universities to address community needs. CUVIC 2014 is an opportunity to reflect on these efforts and enable community-university innovation and action within the institutional, Indigenous, national and global context.

## 7th International Symposium: Safety and Health in Agricultural and Rural Populations: Global Perspectives

Oct 19-22 | Saskatoon, SK | [More information here](#)

This symposium will capture the impact of global issues and challenges facing the health and safety of rural peoples in the twenty first century will seek to bridge gaps that occur between the spectra of basic research, applied research, the community and policy. The Symposium is intended to be inclusive of all rural settings, from those in fully industrialized countries to those in emerging or subsistence economies. ***The Symposium Planning Committee is currently accepting proposals for workshops and special sessions.***

## In the News

- Abortion and Mental Health: Connected by Stigma -- [This article](#) makes comparisons between the difficulties in receiving women's health care and mental health care in rural settings.
- There were many studies on women's health in the past year. Check them out [here](#).
- Encouraging activity by making communities more bicycle-friendly. Read more [here](#).
- Policy implications for the virtualization of health services, via [healthydebate.ca](#)

## 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](#).

### Bell Let's Talk Community Fund

**Application deadline: March 31, 2014** | [More info online](#)

Through the Community Fund, Bell will provide grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to organizations, hospitals and agencies focused on improving access to mental health care and making a positive impact in their communities from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

## Recent Publications

[Bourke, L., Waite, C., & Wright, J.](#) (2014). Mentoring as a retention strategy to sustain the rural and remote health workforce. *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, 22(1), 2-7.

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