



Canada's

# **HIV/AIDS Community-Based Research Facilitators**

## ***CBRF Project Objectives and Collaboration***

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## ***CIHR Background of CBRF Tool***

### **WHY?**

Rape and pillage of HIV community by academic researchers

### **WHEN?**

From 2003 to present- the evolution

### **WHAT NOW?:**

CBR tools evaluation and CBR “network enhancement” proposal

## ***CIHR Objectives for CBRF Project***

**Objective 1:** To develop and enhance community-based research capacity among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community representatives and researchers from both the academic and non-academic settings

**Objective 2:** To facilitate the development of partnerships between community organizations and researchers and the engagement of affected communities in HIV/AIDS community-based research

**Objective 3:** To improve the skills of community organizations in designing community-based research projects

## ***Philosophical Wrestling***

- How did CBR become what it is in BC today?
- Research pathway: from idea to funding and beyond
- Academic publications vs. program evidence (results)
- Competition: who's winning the funding marathon?
- \$\$\$\$ How do we make this work in our favour? \$\$\$\$

## ***Engaging Community & Academics program***

- First two objectives of the CBRF program
- Challenges faced by CBOs with funding applications (PhD PI)
- Challenges faced by academic researchers engaged in CBR
- CBRF as a relationship “broker” and CBO advocate
- Capacity building: Utilizing a “hub” approach to relationship building

## ***Current CBR Projects in BC***

- Food Security- PAN, AV, and BCCfE – BC, ON, and QC project
- Positive Homes- PAN, PWN, BCPWA – BC, ON
- Smoking & Health Risks for PHAs- BCPWA and Dr. Peter
- COPD Awareness in PHAs- BCPWA, PWN and OHTN
- Prevention messaging in Immigrant Youth- Purpose, SFU – BC & MB
- Medical Marijuana & PHAs- BCCCS, AVI, UBC
- E-news: Web-hosted catalogues of CBR projects and academic researchers



***Taming the beast!***  
***Future Opportunities for CBR Collaboration***

- Engagement with CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS
- Benefits to CBOs of PRAs and capacity building work
- Greater results dissemination in the community
- Overcoming barriers to/and alternatives to CIHR funding process
- Inclusion of CBR curricula in University research course outline

***THANK-YOU!***

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