

Agenda

CBR in BC Quarterly

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: **McLaren Housing Society (1249 Howe Street) and via teleconference**

In attendance: Andrea Langlois, Janice Duddy, Heather Picotte, Jaydee Cossar, Sarah Kesselring, Chuck Osborne, Sandy Lambert, Ross Harvey, Saranee Fernando, Donna Tenant, Chavisa Horemans, Dave Boyak, Darren Lauscher, Megan Woodward, Grace Dalgarno, Chris Miewald, Katelyn Merritt, Jonathan Postnikoff, Sally Lin, Patrick McDougall, Dan Wilson, Reinaldo Hamamoto

By phone: Megan Deyman, Sarah (Incentive Study), Saira Mohammed, Ross Harvey, Terry Howard, Surita Parashar

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1. Welcome & introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – add in items under #3 Emerging Issues and #4 Updates
3. Presentation and Discussion: Sarah Flicker joined us by telephone to present about the DEPICT Model for participatory analysis, followed by Q & A. Article and slides have been sent out to all participants.
 - Terry Howard asked about training for PA in BC; Sarah was open to more discussion of that; we might invite Sarah and/or Stephanie back for a follow-up conversation in future
4. Emerging issues discussion: What are common/cross-cutting Issues that would benefit from a discussion at the CBR Quarterly table? Would we like to invite more guest speakers?
 - Macro-world connections with our local CBR initiatives (e.g., UNAIDS)
 - Better understanding of the role of patients as peers (connections with current work at UBC)
 - OHTN Flipped Conference – in relation to above
 - The impact of recruiting for multiple projects at one CBO/ASO; how this impacts organizations in terms of staff time; one potential solution to this is allotting “release time” funds from grants to compensate CBOs for the time put into research studies. How do we decide who gets this money and how much (especially when it’s not CIHR funded)?
 - Recruitment of populations with multiple barriers and how the monetary aspect of projects plays into that; follow-up with initial participants over time
 - Confidentiality issues when re-contacting participants via ASOs over time for longer studies – when does this agreement between research and ASO end? Communicating well with research teams, having pre-planned policies around this stuff, etc., all helps.

5. Program and Project Updates:

Please provide a short summary of each project and consider these three points: one success, one problem encountered, and one lesson learned (if we have more time at the end of the meeting we can provide people additional time)

- a. **SHAPE Study** – Sarah Kesselring - SHAPE is in the early stages right now; evaluating the STOP HIV program; asking people about experiences doing testing, linking to care, and receiving care; the study is survey-based and researchers will be linking responses to clinical data; three surveys total for each participant; max 800 participants – want diversity (age, gender, risk population); survey is done online and can be accessed via the website (but people can do it on paper or phone if desired); cheques for honoraria being sent after online completion; personal info is required (PHN) to be able to link data and prevent duplication of participants; Dr. Peter Centre might be able to assist participants with completion of online survey.
- b. **Food as harm reduction strategy (FARH) study** – Chris Miewald – recruitment is going better; have started mapping the nodes to food access; going well over all
- c. **Positive Living, Positive Homes** – Heather Picotte and Mona Lee – PLPH is finished the first round of interviews in Vancouver, close to being done in Prince George, and has done about 10 interviews in Kamloops. Recruitment in the smaller communities is challenging, but getting there. Participatory analysis is underway.
- d. **Gay Poz Sex Study** – Jonathan Postnikoff (see attached poster) – recruitment – GPS hosts an event (Gay Poz Mixer) at the Pumpjack next Wed, Feb 17. Please share the invite/poster with your networks as widely as possible; attendees will get more info about what GPS and PLBC do; get them connected; Positive Gathering from March 18-20 (hosted by PLBC at Coast Plaza on Denman) – lots of workshops for everyone – please circulate this news. Is it possible for research studies to have tables at the Poz Gathering to recruit participants? Ross says there will be a health fair that will take up most of this room for 2016, but maybe for next year. This might also be a venue for sharing findings with people who have participated. Darren suggests having a 90 minute session so that all the studies can give a quick update or relay findings? Jonathon will ask the planning committee and then bring it back to the CBR quarterly group with a decision.
- e. **BC People Living with HIV Stigma Index** – Jaydee Cossar – ethics application for the Stigma Index has been submitted! One challenge was finding out what others have done on their ethics applications so we could adapt; how do we share info like that between studies so we can all benefit and not reinvent the wheel? Lesson learned: being honest about the process is important for healthy collaboration. Jonathon P's evaluation report on the initiation of the Stigma study is being finalized and will send that out to the group soon.
- f. **CANOC** – Katelyn Merritt – First year of the community investigator program (there are two of them now) in addition to the scholarship program; level of communication between PI and community investigator has not been as effective as it could be; learning to bring on a mid-point person to support both the PI and the CI and remain neutral. CI are interested in things around SES and other explanatory variables (CANOC is more geared toward the

- clinical outcome data; what the CI wants to see and what CANOC has doesn't always match up); this matching process is still in process – this is another challenge
- g. **CTN PVP** – Chavisa Horemans – developing a new community engagement resource for clinical and basic science researchers to involve/engage community at all steps of their process; will present to the CTN research community in April and then more broadly. Opportunities to link with other audiences? (UBC, for example).
 - h. **Incentive** - Sara – increasing enrollment numbers; almost to halfway point (target is 240); recruitment continues to be a challenge; hoping to have preliminary analysis done in spring of this year; Vancouver, PG, Victoria, various IHA regions
 - i. **PRA Plus training** – Terry Howard – training for PRA mentors – 10 PRAs were in the first pilot; feedback indicates it was successful and they will be trying to do it again in other areas.
 - j. **Positive Living Relevancy Study** – Terry Howard– survey going out the PLBC members around the province; it is designed to find out how relevant PLBC still are or do they need adaptation at this point. Will be done online, self-administered and then focus groups later.
 - k. Implementing the findings from the PRA resource into the staff positions at PLBC
 - l. **Positive Plus One** – Terry Howard – serodiscordant couples; has gone beyond pilot stage and is fully recruiting online – go to PAN or PLBC websites
 - m. **UWW/OHTN** – What's Hot with Peer Research – next one is on PRA training
 - n. **Participatory Evaluation** – Janice Duddy – Participatory evaluation toolkit and workbook are now on the PAN or REACH website
 - o. **Momentum Study** – Terry Howard – now entering the second phase; will be sharing the initial data from that phase soon (at CAHR); will be going for another five years and hopefully getting funding for new spin-off projects based on specific populations; now have a national community engagement process to form a community advisory committee.
6. Other Agenda Items – Everyone –
- Various projects and studies are creating resource guides for participants – some in the group have provided those and they're on the PAN CBR toolkit web page; please submit if you haven't already and would like to share. Then everyone can access and not reinvent the wheel. See PAN website to access, if you would like to share yours, please send to Andrea (andrea@pacificaidnetwork.org) - <http://pacificaidnetwork.org/resources/cbr/cbr-toolkitresources/referral-resources-for-participants/>
 - Do we enjoy having presenters at this meeting? If so, what are some topics people are interested in? Terry would like to go over the Peer Worker Support Document in more detail with the group; Process evaluations; Randy Jackson on how to Indigenize research; please let us know if you have other ideas for presentations and focused discussions
7. Next Meeting – tentative date is Wed, May 18 at 9:30am. Please hold that date. Conflict with CAS?