

Draft Meeting Minutes
CBR in BC Quarterly
December 4, 2012
1pm-3pm

Location: Peter Kaye room at the Vancouver Public Library (350 W. Georgia Street, lower level).

In attendance: Evin Jones, Andrea Langlois, Stacy LeBlanc, Sarah Evans, Darren Lauscher, Marcie Summers, Shelley Hourston, Katrina Jensen, Ross Harvey, Terry Howard, Allison Carter, Jaime Forrest, Valerie Nichols, Cathy Worthington, Sherri Pooyak, Wayne Roberts, Patrick McDougall.

On the phone: Heather Peters, Jamie Reshny and Kim Stacey

Regrets: Surita Parashar, Brian Chittock, Ciro Panessa, Janice Duddy, Sarah Chown

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Agenda:

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

3. Current Project Updates:

a. **PLPH** – Andrea Langlois and Cathy Worthington

HIV and housing is an important issue in BC. Evin Jones is the principal investigator and Cathy Worthington is the academic co-PI on this project. Just submitted an operating grant for a 3 year study and will find out in the spring if it was successful. The project will use a case study methodology to look at HIV and housing, including the local program and policy context, in 3 different communities; Prince George, Vancouver and Kamloops. The project will move forward in some way even if the proposal is not successful in obtaining CIHR funding.

b. **Food Security** – Brian Chittock was unavailable to attend so Andrea and Val provided and update.

The data collection for this study has wrapped up in BC and Ontario, but is just starting in Quebec. The BC team will be meeting on March 1 to develop the knowledge translation plan.

c. **CHIWOS** – Allison Carter

Our focus is on currently on finishing the development of the survey instrument. We had our Community Advisory Board meeting and invited key stakeholders to give feedback. People engaged in the process and have more input and now we are collating the input and are refining the survey further. Once we have a solid paper version and are going to pilot it with 4 women. Then we hope to start PRA

training and programming in the New Year. We are also hiring a Training Consultant and are submitting some abstracts for CAHR in Vancouver in April.

Question: Are you using the same survey tool in all 3 provinces?

Yes, we are. We have seen different priorities in each region and have tried to capture all of them in this survey.

d. Opening Doors To Harm Reduction: Heather Peters

This is a 3-year study designed to look at drug use in rural and remote communities, looking at the pattern of drug use. We have completed 200 surveys and are starting data analysis and have completed 25 interviews, using the support of 10 service providers. We used a Peer Research model and they identified the people who participate, through respondent driven sampling. PRAs played a big role in identifying participants as they had a lot of personal connections in their communities. Their connections were very diverse. We really found that the hardest demographic to capture has been the working middle class.

e. Positive Living BC projects – Terry Howard

Our latest CIHR grant applications were declined and surprisingly not highly rated; they didn't appear to like the ideas. We will apply again in the winter. In practice these issues are valued but reviewers don't seem to "get it." We are now waiting to hear from the Vancouver Foundation; if we do get this then we will need to get the CIHR funding as we have to have the grant amount matched.

We have been talking about taking an internal focus on peer workers and peer researchers and the impact this has on the HIV community and other organizations.

Still working with UBC's CBR steering committee – focusing on partnerships and academics within the system. UBC is very interested in improving their CBR profile.

Terry is on the CAHR council and intending to make CBR a priority. He is going to use Andrea's idea of profiling CBR people for PAN and feed it into the conference. CAHR is trying also to have translation at the conference this year.

f. Mobilizing Community Resources to address HIV/AIDS in Northern BC
– Jamie Reshny, Universities Without Walls fellow, UNBC

Jamie R: I am trying to get a case study off the ground looking at primary health care services (around HIV) in Northern BC. Comparing best practices of an international model of New Zealand, as our two countries have similar contexts in regards to the aboriginal population but NZ have lower prevalence rates of HIV. I have a good Maori contact in NZ as that community is a bit of an unknown.

Shari offered a connection that she has in New Zealand from one of CAAN's committees. Shari: As an Aboriginal woman to do have this demographic represented?

This project intends to include Aboriginal communities because in the North that community is at risk. The focus is on non-profit delivery of services even though Northern Health is a partner.

PAN is working with Jamie and others in the north to prepare a CIHR planning grant to host a CBR event and research agenda setting in the northern part of BC.

g. Research activities at the Health Initiative for Men (HIM) – Wayne Robert

HIM doesn't strictly have a CBR program but we have a lot of partnerships and we like to be called for CBR partnerships. We have a process for engagement with HIM on our website: <http://checkhimout.ca/> that has worked well for us. We are involved in a few projects: the Acute HIV Study; are partnering on an application with the BCCfE looking at men's experiences in the sex industry; and are working with Trevor Hart's project to set an MSM national research agenda.

HIM did a community consultation last year to look at the needs of our community and are looking for students who might want to access this data for projects.

h. Momentum Health Study – Jamie Forrest

This isn't a CBR study but has a lot of community focus and this group has been helpful to us. This is a respondent driven sampling project, one of the largest of its kind in Canada. So far, 208 baseline questionnaires have been completed through 65 seeds. Half of the seeds have produced the most and 3 seeds have had 10 waves. The next steps include continuing to add seeds and we have started to advertise on social media/Facebook. The project didn't have to do through ethics for this as we are only advertising, not recruiting.

i. Dr Peter Centre evaluation study – Patrick McDougall

Title of the project that we are working on is: *A mixed method evaluation of the impact of the Dr. Peter Centre on health care access and outcomes for persons living with HIV/AIDS who use illicit drugs*. This is a 3-year CIHR funded study looking at health systems improvement. We have people from Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan on the team. The project will hire PRAs to interview residents. We are currently in the questionnaire development phase, so that team is meeting regularly, and our community team has met as well.

j. "The Way I See It" Photovoice project – Valerie Nicholson

This project uses photovoice to look at housing, health, and HIV. The photos went to the Dr. Peter Centre and are now at a gallery. We made a slideshow of the photos for the Homelessness Conference to Arlington, Virginia. Will be continuing the project and trying to get politicians to show up and see it or respond to it.

k. **Howe Street intervention study** – Kim Stacey

This project is in development. McLaren Housing will be opening a 110 unit building, which will include units for families, and this project will look at the impact of supportive housing on the health of HIV+ people. This study is important in that it will provide information to share with funders and the City of Vancouver.

l. **CIHR Social Research Centre for HIV Prevention projects** – Cathy Worthington.

The first project is a partnership project between CAAS, CATIE and CAAN looking at prevention services rural areas to start documenting what people are doing in HIV prevention and demonstrated outcomes.

The second project is the *HIV Supported Housing in Western Canada: Mapping Services and Needs and Assessing Outcomes*. This is a sister project to PLPH will look at evaluation of housing services in western Canada.

m. **BC Coalition of Persons with Disabilities** – Shelley Hourston

As a new attendee to the CBR Quarterly, Shelley provided an overview of her organization. She has been with the for 15 years and is interested in HIV and stigma and is considering starting a research project focusing on this at some point in the next year.

n. **STOP Community-Level, Community Led Evaluation** update: Evin Jones
The evaluation was finished in early September and we are waiting on the STOP Leadership Committee to review prior to release. We hope to have news soon – watch the PAN website for more. We will be hosting a webinar to present the findings in early January.

Question: Does anyone know how much money was allotted for the evaluation of STOP? The BCCfE had \$9 million to spend on communication and evaluation over the 4 year project. The Health Authorities did their own evaluations.

4. Two national Community-Based Research Centres were funded by CIHR in June. Members of each provided updates.

REACH CBR Collaborative Centre – Evin Jones and Cathy Worthington.

This centre is being led by the CIHR Centre for REACH, and there are core teams in the regions (7 provinces plus the Atlantic Region). The BC Core Team met recently

and is talking about expanding their membership and has drafted research and capacity building priorities for BC. An update from that meeting will be circulated via the PAN e-news.

AHA Centre, Sherri Pooyak

Very excited about getting the funding to support community-based research development across the country and emphasizes regional work with national coordination. Bringing the indigenous presence to CBR and are hiring PRAs in the regions, and could use help in developing a training manual. The governing council met in October and planning the next phases in applying for research grants.

A discussion was had about the importance of making sure that research projects budget enough funds to allow for PRA travel. This is included in the AHA Centre's budget.

5. Follow up from last meeting – Andrea Langlois

- a. **Honoraria and compensation survey:** A survey has been sent out to research projects to gather information on the “going rates” for PRA and research participant compensation. A summary document will be created to share this information with the group and to determine next steps.
- b. **Social media and research:** At the last meeting, participants indicated an interest in capacity building activities around the use of social media tools in CBR. Andrea is working with the Capacity-Building Committee of the Centre for REACH on surveying members on what types of activities and information would be useful.
- c. **Research in rural and remote communities:** The discussion on research in rural and remote communities will be continued during a session at the Andrea Langlois

6. Other Agenda Items – Everyone

- a. PAN is organizing a workshop in Richmond for February 27-28: **“Knowledge to Action: Strategic Directions for CBR.”** Members of the CBR Quarterly Meeting will be receiving invitations. This workshop will take the place of the Quarterly meetings, so the next meeting will be in the Spring.
- b. CAHR is coming to Vancouver in April 2013. Check the PAN website for information on scholarships and abstract submission information. The group agreed that it would be fun to have a “CBR pub night” during CAHR and Andrea, Patrick and Jamie Forrest will form a planning committee.