FUNDING PROGRAMS UPDATE

NL-HARP: The Peer Review Committee for the 2013-2014 NL Healthy Aging Research Program (NL-HARP) will meet in late January, 2014 to assess the applications received this year. Committee members will review applications in three categories: Doctoral Dissertation Awards, Master’s Research Grants, and Project Grants. All funding decisions will be announced in spring, 2014.

EHC-NL: Researchers who were funded under this year’s Enhancing Healthcare in NL Awards Program are advised that funding is expected to be made available in early 2014.

Researcher Compendium: Please see http://www.nlcahr.mun.ca/Funding/ for a listing of funded researchers under all NLCAHR-supported awards programs. Any questions related to NLCAHR funding and awards programs may be directed to Tyrone White | Phone: 709-777-7973 | Email: tkwhite@mun.ca.

Wishing you the very best of the holiday season!
Getting the Word Out:

Disseminating two new ‘Evidence in Context’ Reports

NLCAHR recently hosted an event to disseminate the results of a Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program (CHRSP) study on Telehealth for Specialist-Patient Consultations in Cardiology & Dermatology. The event was held on November 28, 2013 at Eastern Health’s Outpatient Clinic on Major’s Path and was linked by videoconference to our health system partners at Labrador-Grenfell Health, Central Health, and Western Health. The meeting included a discussion of the report’s findings, a telehealth demonstration for the dermatologists in attendance, and a look at challenges, opportunities, and potential next steps for introducing telehealth for dermatology consultations in the province. Link to the report here: http://www.nlcahr.mun.ca/CHRSP/Telehealth.php

Community-Based Service Models for Seniors: On January 6, 2014, we will host a discussion of findings from our report on models of health care and social care that will enable seniors in our province to age in place. The full report, together with a four-page summary and a one-page brief, is available on the NLCAHR website: http://www.nlcahr.mun.ca/CHRSP/CSMS.php. To participate in the dissemination, RSVP to Rochelle.baker@med.mun.ca. Later in January, a CIHR Best Brains Exchange, facilitated by NLCAHR and hosted by the Department of Health and Community Services, will bring national experts to the province for a one-day, in-camera meeting with senior health system decision makers to review the best research evidence available to guide decisions about community-based care for seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador.

CHRSP PROJECTS FOR 2014

In consultation with the province’s four Regional Health Authorities and the Department of Health and Community Services, NLCAHR is developing a new round of topics for study under the Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program (CHRSP) for 2014-2015. After a general call for topics, our filtering and voting process will yield a priority list of new topics identified by the leaders of the provincial health system. As we proceed to study these new topics, we will continue to work with our health system partners on team-building and consultation to optimize integrated knowledge translation and evidence-informed decision making in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the meantime, CHRSP Project teams will complete the following reports in early 2014:

- An Evidence in Context study on Falls Prevention in Acute Care and Long-Term Care Settings: “What interventions are most effective in preventing falls in acute and long term care settings?”
- An Evidence in Context study on Point-of-Care Testing: “How effective and efficient is point-of-care testing compared to traditional sampling in the ER?”
- A Rapid Evidence Report on Ambulatory Care Services for Patients with Chronic Heart Failure

Other topics slated to commence in the new year include a Rapid Evidence Report on short-term health promotion strategies, and two Evidence in Context Reports: “Diabetes Prevention Strategies” and “Managing Aggression in Patients with Dementia.”

We thank the five Health System Leaders and our CHRSP Champions for their vital contribution to our topic selection process and we look forward to working with them on these and other topics identified for study in the new year. Stay tuned for an announcement about these new studies.
EVENTS ROUND-UP

Community-Based Service Models for Seniors
Theme: Dissemination of a new report of the Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program on models of care that can enable seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador to age in place.
Date: January 6, 2014
Location: NLCAHR Boardroom/ videoconference
Details

2014 CADTH Symposium
Theme: Evidence-based research and advice on health technologies
Date: April 6-8, 2014
Location: Hilton Lac-Leamy, National Capital Region
Details

CDPAC Pan-Canadian Symposium
Theme: New Partnerships and New Approaches to Chronic Disease Prevention
Date: April 8-11, 2014
Location: Delta Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa
Details

The Canadian Association for HIV Research 2014 Conference
Theme: This conference is the premier gathering in Canada for those working in all disciplines of HIV/AIDS research, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learned, and together chart a course forward.
Date: May 1-4, 2014
Location: St. John’s, NL (Delta Hotel)
Details

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

See details about these and other funding opportunities on our website.

CIHR Chair in Applied Public Health
Objectives: support population health intervention research; apply innovative theories, methods and approaches to knowledge translation; promote inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral collaboration; mentor population and public health researchers
Funding: $12,487,500 for 13 awards; maximum $185,000 per year for up to five years
Deadline: May 1, 2014
Details

Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training Program (KRESCENT) Fellowship
Objectives: enhancing kidney research in Canada
Funding: Trainee Stipend:
$65,000/annum for MDs and $55,000 for PhD trained applicants
Deadline: February 15, 2014
Details

CIHR Knowledge Translation Prize
Objectives: To support the exemplary knowledge translation efforts and activities of an exceptional individual, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to increasing the application of research findings, improving the health of individuals in Canada and/or abroad, improving health services and products, or strengthening the healthcare system.
Funding: $100,000 in total. The amount for the price is $100,000 per annum, for one year, awarded to the top overall applicant.
Deadline: March 3, 2014
Details
Research Exchange Groups are a forum where university researchers, health professionals, decision makers, community groups, and members of the public can meet to collaborate on research, explore funding opportunities, make presentations, and discuss issues of common interest under the domain of applied health research. The following groups are now active. All are welcome to join.

**Aging**
- Convener: Gail Wideman and Sharon Buehler
- Meets bi-monthly at NLCAHR or at other locations
- January meeting TBA

**Autism**
- Convener: Sharon Penney and Christina Dove
- Meets bi-monthly at Elaine Dobbin Centre or NLCAHR Boardroom
- February Meeting TBA

**Bullying and Health**
- Convener: Gerald White
- Meets monthly at the NLCAHR Boardroom
- January meeting TBA

**Chronic Disease**
- Convener: Linda Carter and Brendan Barrett
- The group was on hiatus in Fall, 2013; plans for 2014 TBA

**Eating Disorders, Disordered Eating, and Body Image**
- Convener: Olga Heath and Pamela Ward
- Meets monthly in the NLCAHR Boardroom
- January meeting TBA

**Gender, Sexuality and Health**
- Convener: Nicole Power
- Meets quarterly at various locations
- Next meeting TBA

**Mental Health**
- Convener: Shelly Birnie-Lefcovitch
- Meets monthly in the NLCAHR Boardroom
- Next meeting January 16 2014

**Oral Health**
- Convener: Peter Hornett
- Meets quarterly in the NLCAHR Boardroom
- Next Meeting TBA

**Rural, Northern and Aboriginal Health**
- Convener: Adrian Tanner, Rebecca Schiff, Jennifer Shea
- Meets quarterly at NLCAHR Boardroom
- February 2014 meeting TBA

To attend a Research Exchange Group meeting in person or by teleconference, please RSVP Rochelle.baker@med.mun.ca

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Are you interested in health research on…?

NLCAHR is currently seeking members for potential new Research Exchange Groups. We’ve been approached by conveners interested in starting groups on the following topics:

- The Arts & Health
- Inter-professional Education/Collaborative Practice
- Cancer
- Blood, Thrombosis, Immune Disorders
- HIV & Sexual Health
- Health and the Built Environment

These new groups will focus on research related to these important areas of health. If you would like to join, or if you’d like to propose an idea for another group, please email Rochelle.baker@med.mun.ca

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**Holiday Hours at NLCAHR:**

Please note that the Centre will close early on December 24, 2012 and will re-open on January 3, 2014.

**Happy Holidays!**