



THE AHA CENTRE

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The AHA Centre staff is welcoming spring with open arms! While some of us are still dealing with the fringe of winter, we are all ready for the change of season and busy days ahead.

Vancouver, BC – March 2019

AHA Centre staff attended an in-person staff meeting for the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network in March and we made the best of it by creating opportunities to meet with our National Aboriginal Research Advisory Committee (NARAC) and host an in-person meeting with our Operations Team! Read on for details below:

NARAC In-Person Meeting

We would like to thank our NARAC members for meeting with us on St. Patrick's Day – a Sunday no less! – to help us start thinking about what the AHA Centre means when we talk about Indigenous Knowledge. We are hoping to continue the conversation with our Governing Council and create a resource in the near future. NARAC also reviewed AHA Centre resources that will be posted to our website once finalized, and we created a mentorship opportunity for an undergraduate student who attended the meeting and led some of the discussion. There were other topics tackled at this very productive meeting too!

Operations Team In-Person Meeting

We ended our time in Vancouver with an AHA Centre operations team in-person meeting. We took advantage of our time together to discuss Wise Practices 2019 (stay tuned for more info!), our new evaluation plan, the agenda for our in-person Governing Council meeting

happening in Edmonton at the end of April, and so much more. Being spread out across the country makes us greatly appreciate any face-to-face time that we can have.

We left Vancouver feeling more connected as a team and united as a project of CAAN.

Governing Council In-Person Meeting

Our Governing Council will be meeting in Edmonton at the end of this month for two days. We have a full agenda and are looking forward to updating the council on our work from this past year as well as having discussion groups and brainstorming sessions on Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Doing and Knowledge Translation. This is yet another in-person meeting opportunity that we do not take for granted and are very much looking forward to.

CIHR/CAHR 2019 Indigenous Pre-Conference

The AHA Centre has been invited to participate in an Indigenous CBR workshop that is being co-hosted by CAHR and CIHR titled: **Eshwiitood, Ni-Kwayachi-Kuskehtanan – Ready, Willing, and Able! CBR Workshop,**

Saskatoon – May 8 and 9, 2019. This workshop is full, but if positive feedback is received, it may become an annual pre-CAHR standing workshop which means it will be offered in different regions across Canada.

The AHA Centre will be creating a CAHR roadmap highlighting the Indigenous workshops and sessions. Stay tuned!

Community Engagement Fund: Call for Applications

Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact us if you have any questions or visit our website for more information: www.ahacentre.ca/community-engagement-fund.html

Journal of Indigenous HIV Research

We are currently seeking reviewers for Volume 10 of the Journal of Indigenous HIV Research (JIHR).

Please contact Jenn at jenniferm@caan.ca if you are interested or would like more information!

Good news to share

We would like to send a giant congratulations to Dr. Rachel Landy for successfully defending her thesis with distinction! Such an amazing accomplishment. **Congratulations Dr. Landy!**

Suggested Reading

It brings us so much happiness to support and promote the work of our research team. Congratulations Zack on this excellent article!

Documenting Research with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Other Gender Diverse (Trans) Individuals and Communities: Introducing the Global Trans Research Evidence Map by Zack Marshall, Vivian Welch, Alexa Minichiello, Michelle Swab, Fern Brunger, and Chris Kaposy was published this year in *Transgender Health* (Volume 4.1, 2019).

Abstract:

There is limited information about how transgender, nonbinary, and other gender diverse (trans) people have been studied and represented by researchers. The objectives of this study were to: (1) increase access to trans research; (2) map and describe trans research across subject fields; and (3) identify evidence gaps and opportunities for more responsible

research. Eligibility criteria were established to include empirical research of any design, which included trans participants or their personal information and that was published in English in peer-reviewed journals. A search of 15 academic databases resulted in 25,230 references; data presented include 690 trans-focused articles that met the screening criteria and were published between 2010 and 2014. The 10 topics studied most frequently were: (1) therapeutics and surgeries; (2) gender identity and expression; (3) mental health; (4) biology and physiology; (5) discrimination and marginalization; (6) physical health; (7) sexual health, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections; (8) health and mental health services; (9) social support, relationships, and families; and (10) resilience, well-being, and quality of life. This map also highlights the relatively minor attention that has been paid to a number of study topics, including ethnicity, culture, race, and racialization; housing; income; employment; and space and place. Results of this review have the potential to increase awareness of existing trans research, to characterize evidence gaps, and to inform strategic research prioritization. With this information, it is more likely that trans communities and allies will be in a position to benefit from existing research and to hold researchers accountable.

<https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/pdf/10.1089/trgh.2018.0020>

Kausattumi Grants Program

The **Atlantic Indigenous Mentorship Network** is offering scholarships, seed grants, and conference travel awards for Indigenous students and early career researchers involved in community-informed and supported health research that serves to benefit Indigenous communities in Atlantic Canada. Scholarship and seed grant applications are due **May 1, 2019**. Conference travel award applications are due **June 1, 2019**. For more information, please visit: atlantic-IMN.ca or contact: info@atlantic-imn.ca

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