

Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community e-Newsletter # 4: May / June 2006

Encouraging research and knowledge transfer in home and community care

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THE CANADIAN RESEARCH NETWORK FOR CARE IN THE COMMUNITY (CRNCC) RECEIVES MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (SSHRC)

The CRNCC has been awarded an SSHRC Knowledge Impact in Society grant of almost \$300,000 over 3 years with a generous matching contribution of \$300,000 from Ryerson University. The grant, led by Professor Janet Lum (Ryerson University) and Paul Williams (University of Toronto), with Raisa Deber (University of Toronto), Karen Spalding (Ryerson University), Marcus J. Hollander (Hollander Analytical Services Ltd.), and over 30 community partners, ranked first in Canada out of 87 highly competitive proposals of which only 11 were funded.

We sincerely thank all our community partners for their letters of support and for their dedication, enthusiasm and support of the CRNCC.

The CRNCC began in 2005 as dynamic partnership of researchers, providers, consumers and policy-makers aimed at transferring knowledge about the crucial role of community services within the broader continuum of health and social care to the broader policy community. Led by founding Chair Paul Williams, the CRNCC was funded in its initial year by the M-THAC (Medicare to Home and Community) Research Unit, headed by Professor Raisa Deber. The Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto generously provided the CRNCC a home on its website.

This new funding will allow the CRNCC to consolidate and expand to incorporate national and international knowledge and partnerships, develop more accessible means of knowledge transfer (e.g., development of a more interactive and independent CRNCC web site, virtual resource room, web-cast videos, e-rounds) and launch workshops and symposiums. Keep posted at www.crncc.ca.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT PLACEMENTS

A key objective of the CRNCC is to enhance community capacity through student placements. Students under the joint supervision of academics and community partners will be an important aspect of the Network's knowledge transfer strategy. From the community partners' perspective, placement students can add much needed resources to community agencies by assisting in identifying and reviewing relevant academic research for use in the field. While community agencies often require systematic and updated reviews for proposals or annual reports, they often lack resources to conduct such reviews.

A CRNCC Newsflash with more details on student placements is coming soon.

CRNCC UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 17, 2006
1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

The Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) in collaboration with the Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions Network of Ontario (OPMHAN), present a half-day symposium

SETTING THE POLICY AGENDA: OLDER PERSONS' MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

Featuring leading experts who will share their insights about what needs to be done to serve older persons with mental health and addictions problems

Keynote Speaker:

- **Bill Wilkerson** - Co-Founder and CEO of the Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Addictions and Mental Health

Panelists:

- **Robert Eves** - Executive Director, Community Outreach for People with Addictions (COPA)
- **Faith Malach** - Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health
- **Jim McMinn** - Director, Senior Services, LOFT Community Services, Toronto
- **Laura Pisko-Bezruchko** - Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement, Toronto Central LHIN

Location:

Joseph L. Rotman School of Management – Room 134
University of Toronto – St. George campus, 105 St. George Street

Please see the [Symposium Information Flyer](#) for more details.
You may also [register online](#).

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) in collaboration with the Wellington Waterloo Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN), present a one-day workshop:

INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES INTO THE BROADER CONTINUUM OF CARE

This workshop is an opportunity to:

- Review the best available international and national evidence on community care
- Discuss key policy directions for community services
- Translate evidence into practice
- Learn from local leaders the opportunities, barriers, and recommendations for moving forward to achieve the goals of Community Service Integration in the broader services of care.

Please see the [WWCSSN event brochure and agenda](#).

The CRNCC has also prepared an In Focus fact sheet on [Community Support Services](#) . Be sure to give us your feedback. [Rate this Fact Sheet](#) and have your say.

Monday, October 23, 2006

The Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) in collaboration with the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA), present a one-day symposium

THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES IN INTEGRATED MODELS OF CARE

With keynote speaker:

- **Marcus J. Hollander** – President, Hollander Analytical Services Inc.

Keep posted at www.crncc.ca and www.ocsa.on.ca for updates.

ON THE RADAR

West Toronto Support Services Introduces FallsWiki.com

FallsWiki.com is a collaborative website for the Falls Prevention community, inspired by the Ontario health care transformation agenda to simplify and integrate access to falls information and initiatives.

A wiki (Hawaiian for “quick”) is a readable and writeable web site. Wikis, both philosophically and practically, reinforce the Ontario healthcare transformation agenda imperatives of integration, collaboration and innovation. [Click here](#) for more information.

The wiki is now ready to receive falls prevention materials and resources from other agencies and institutions. To have a ‘tour’ of the fallswiki as you prepare to post your own materials on the site, contact Anne Lotz (alotz@wtss.org) or Joanne Jasper (jasper@wtss.org) at West Toronto Support Services. Please visit www.fallswiki.com.

The CRNCC has also prepared an In Focus fact sheet on [Falls Prevention](#) . Be sure to give us your feedback. Be sure to give us your feedback. [Rate this Fact Sheet](#) and have your say.

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