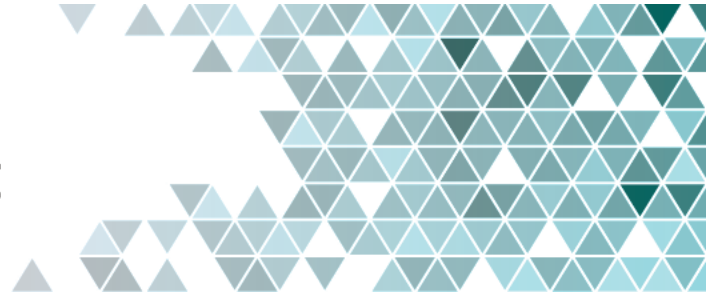


BC Health Research Connection Project



JUNE 2017 UPDATE

A SUMMER OF ENGAGEMENT. Throughout the summer months, we have a number of engagement activities planned for both the public and research community. The feedback received at these events will help shape the design and development of the BC Health Research Connection Project.

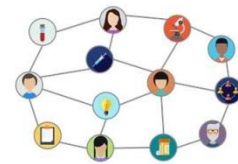
Upcoming events for **researchers**:

- June 22nd – [Webinar](#) for research managers and coordinators

BC Health Research Connection Project

Connecting patients and the public to health research opportunities

Information Webinar
Thursday, June 22, 2017
11:30am – 12:30pm



Upcoming events for **patients and the public**:

- June 27th – [Community Dialogue \(Vancouver\)](#)
- July 19th – [Community Dialogue \(Surrey\)](#) in collaboration with the BC SUPPORT Unit Fraser Centre

Let's talk are you or your family members interested in **health research**?

Community Dialogue on Health Research
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM
Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Auditorium

Please contact [Stefanie Cheah](#) if you have any questions about these events or if you are interested in a project presentation/information session for your institution/organization.

Key accomplishments to date:

- We are excited to be partnering with:
 - [Population Data BC](#), in the design and development of the BC Health Research Connection Project. The PopData team have extensive expertise and knowledge in data systems and security.
 - [VCH Community and Engagement Advisory Network](#), in the development and conduct of our public consultation events. The Community Engagement team at VCH works across our health region and all sectors of care (community, acute and residential) supporting and facilitating dialogue between VCH and its communities.
- Over 20 interviews with health researchers from various disciplines across BC have been conducted. The purpose of these interviews is to better understand the needs of researchers to help ensure the BC

Health Research Connection Project is built to support their needs. Some themes/key items that emerged from the interviews included:

- Value in using the BC Health Research Connection Project Platform as a recruitment tool for finding healthy volunteers or individuals who may not be clients of the health care system.
- Interest in the possibility of future linkages between the BC Health Research Connection Project with the [provincial Health Sector Data Platform](#).
- Design a simple and flexible process for researchers to submit and manage research opportunities. For example, have a researcher login account.
- Design a simple process for the public to sign up and create a profile, and facilitate ways they can find opportunities for family members or others.
- Explore opportunities to cross promote research programs and coordinate messaging for the public to avoid confusion around research recruitment programs. For example, a provincial health research awareness campaign.
- Explore opportunities for youth to get involved and ways to facilitate pediatric research.
- Explore how best to reach vulnerable populations by working with researchers and the community organizations that support that population.

Other groups that are currently being engaged (and more to come):

- BC Ethics Harmonization Initiative
- BC Cancer Agency
- BC Children's Hospital/BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre/ Women's Health Research Institute
- First Nations Health Authority
- Fraser Health Authority
- Health Authority Information Management/Information Technology Services
- Health Information Privacy and Security Operations Committee
- Interior Health Authority
- Island Health Authority
- Providence Health Care/Providence Health Care Research Institute
- Provincial Health Services Authority
- Simon Fraser University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Northern BC
- Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Upcoming project activities:

- Additional public consultation community dialogue events will be organized across BC.
- Additional researcher consultations will be conducted.
- The statement of work for the BC Health Research Connections website build will be finalized.
- A Request for Proposals will be issued for a website developer.
- The statement of work for the database build will be finalized with PopData BC.

Stay Connected! Please contact Stefanie Cheah, Project Manager at stefanie.cheah@vch.ca for any questions or comments and to receive future project updates.