

Health Research Institute

**HRI Members Partnered Research: What's
Happening in the North**

IDC Brown Bag Lunch Series

January 22, 2015

Outline

- **About HRI**
- **Panel Presentation**
 - Dawn Hemingway, School of Social Work
 - Neil Hanlon, Geography Program
 - Henry Harder, School of Health Sciences
 - Geoff Payne, Northern Medical Program

HRI Leadership Council

Co-Leads:

Martha MacLeod, School of Nursing

Geoff Payne, Northern Medical Program

Leadership Council:

Neil Hanlon, Geography

Henry Harder, School of Health Sciences

Dawn Hemingway, School of Social Work

Margo Greenwood, National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health

Margot Parkes, School of Health Sciences

Candida Graham, Northern Medical Program

Vision

A world in which healthy individuals, families and communities live without health inequities

Mission

To facilitate the creation and translation of knowledge that will enhance the health and well being of individuals, families and communities.

The UNBC Health Research Institute will pursue this mission through promoting knowledge creation, knowledge synthesis and exchange, fostering links among researchers, stakeholders and partners, such as Northern Health, and developing research capacity.

Core Strategic Directions

- Knowledge Creation
- Knowledge Synthesis and Exchange
- Fostering Linkages
- Capacity Development

Research Themes

- Aboriginal Health
- Bio Medical
- Clinical
- Health Services and Policy
- Social and Environmental Determinants of Health

Dawn Hemingway, Associate Professor, Chair School of Social Work & Co-Director, Women North Network/Northern FIRE

- examining arts-based approaches and mentoring relationships among younger and older women experiencing mental illness
- evaluating the health and health service impacts when northern seniors receive non-medical supports such as social outreach, housekeeping and transportation
- giving voice to the experience of older adults experiencing cancer and cancer care, including why or why not they get screened for cancer
- examining the impact of precarious employment on the health of older northern women

Partners in research (current & recent)

- **Northern Health**
- **Cancer Agency**
- **Health Professionals**
- **Service users and self-advocates**
- **Community-based service providers & organizations**
- **BC Psychogeriatric Association & its national partners**
- **Providence Health, UBC & SFU**

Neil Hanlon, Professor, Geography Program

- understanding network dynamics (e.g., involving health professionals, health authority administrators and personnel, municipal leaders) of primary health care integration at the community level
- exploring the role of local voluntary sector leadership and community development processes in the adaptation of resource dependent communities to population aging.

Research partners and collaborators

- **Northern Health**
- **Health professionals**
- **Community-based services and support**
- **Municipal and civic leaders**
- **Private sector interests**

Henry Harder, Professor, School of Health Sciences

- Dr. Donald B. Rix BC Leadership Chair in Aboriginal Environmental Health.
- Research focuses on Aboriginal health, disability issues, workplace mental health, and suicide prevention

Research Partners and Collaborators

- Caries Disparities – University of Montreal
- Reinterpreting existing data with CSFS to understand the importance of the environment to mental health
- Storytelling as a research method
- CIHR Pathways to Indigenous Health – Component 2

Geoff Payne, Associate Professor, Northern Medical Program

- Understanding the impact of diseases and disease states on microcirculation
- Medical Education advances in Curriculum and Assessment
- Wellness in Northern BC (WINBC)

Partners and Collaborators

- **Yale University**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **American Association of Medical Colleges**
- **Various Medical Schools in North America**
- **Northern Health**
- **Northern Medical Society**
- **Various Community Organizations**
- **Northern BC Communities**

Thank You
Questions?

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