



## **Executive Committee: TRAINING Portfolio Report**

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Reporting Period: January – December 2019

**Portfolio Description:** The purpose of the TRAINING Portfolio is to bridge trainees in the Community Health Sciences Education Programs (Undergraduate, Graduate, Post-Graduate, Post-Doctoral) to the O'Brien Institute. The types of activities developed or leveraged off of, internal and external to the Cumming School of Medicine, will focus on the promotion of special training and funding opportunities for our trainees.

### **A) Activities**

#### **1. Events/Activities of the TRAINING Portfolio**

##### **a. Previous period:**

##### **i. Undergraduate Program Training**

- September 2019 – 17 new first year and 2 transfer Health and Society students were welcomed to the Bachelor of Health Sciences Program this fall. This brings the total student body to 440 BHSc students, 60 of which are Health & Society students.
- The Bachelor of Health Sciences Program held its annual Research Symposium on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019; this provides BHSc students with a great opportunity to showcase their research projects.

##### **ii. Graduate Program Training (MDCH)**

- Regularly scheduled Journal Clubs:
  - Health Economics MDCH Specialization
  - Medical Education MDCH Specialization (every Monday at noon)
  - Population Public Health MDCH Specialization and Public Health and Preventative Medicine (third Friday of every month at 1pm)
  - Cardiovascular Journal Club (starting November 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Alberta SPOR Support Unit Patient Engagement Journal Club (October 29<sup>th</sup>)
- January 17, 2019 – Clinician Investigator Research Day and Retreat – hosted at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. All CIP Trainees, supervisors, and Residency Training Committee Members (RTC) participated in trainee research presentations with invited guest, Dr. Cheryl Rockman-Greenberg, geneticist and recent inductee to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.
- February 1, 2019 – “Data Cleaning Workshop” with Dr. Amy Metcalfe.
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – “Intellectual discourse of engaging abstractions: Idea Series” – Community Health Sciences Student Executive (CHSSE) members presented a session on “Potential Ways of Thinking about Personal Identity.”
- March 1, 2019 – “Thesis Defense Workshop” with Dr. Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci, hosted with CHSSE.
- March 8, 2019 – “Managing Time – How to Write a Lot” with Dr. Amy Metcalfe, hosted by MDCH and CHSSE.

- March 20, 2019 – “Intellectual discourse of engaging abstractions: Interactive Seminar” – hosted by Community Health Sciences Student Executive (CHSSE) members and presentation on “Biology, Information, and the Nature/Nurture Debate” by Dr. Jesse Hendriske.
- March 22, 2019 – “Fireside Chat” with Dr. Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci.
- April 5, 2019 – “CHSSE Luncheon” hosted by CHSSE and MDCH.
- May 6 – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – New Indigenous Health Research Spring Course in MDCH – taught by Drs. Rita Henderson and Pamela Roach focused on anti-racist and disruptive approaches to learning to support students in the development of research skills that approach data collection, analysis, and representation as a complex negotiation between knowledge systems (Western and Indigenous) that may at times seem mutually exclusive.
- May 7 – June 4<sup>th</sup> – Bayesian Biostatistics Short Course offered by Dr. Rob Deardon.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Dr. Howard Clarke, a pediatric surgeon and PhD clinician from Toronto was invited to meet with CIP trainees during a mentorship lunch and special session.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Health Sciences Library – New Librarian Hire Presentations with a special invitation for graduate students to attend candidate presentations.
- During Block Week, a networking lunch and social was hosted for incoming MDCH students and CHS faculty.
- October 11, 2019 – “MDCH Candidacy Workshop” with Drs. Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci, Paul Ronksley, and successful students of the candidacy experience.
- October 18, 2019 – “Data Cleaning Workshop” with Dr. Amy Metcalfe.
- October 21, 2019 – “MDCH Peer Mentorship Program – Meet and Greet” – first leadership event for the academic year where 2 mentors per 6 mentees from the incoming MDCH first year cohort were matched. The event involved a social lunch, meet and greet, and review of resources, responsibilities, and expectations.
- MDCH trainees and CHS faculty continue to show their commitment to TGIF and the weekly Friday CHS-OIPH Seminars, with a renewed focus on strengthening our community affiliations across CSM.

### iii. Post-Doctoral Training

- One post-doctoral session was held in this reporting period:
  - i. Dr. Fiest hosted a session on the Health System Impact (HSI) Fellowship. Fellowes provided an update and their future plans, as well as Tips and Tricks on success.
- Dr. Fiest implemented a peer-review process for the HSIF application process. Three applications were submitted and reviewed by Drs. Hemmelgarn and Fiest.
- In addition, Dr. Fiest meets with HSI Fellows regularly to discuss their needs and how they can best be supported through their training program.

### b. Planned:

- We would like to host a *Career Panel*, wherein both graduate and post-doctoral trainees would be invited to participate. Both groups have expressed a desire to learn more and explore nonacademic career paths and opportunities.
- For the Graduate Program Trainees:

- Holiday Party likely to occur in early December jointly hosted by MDCH and CHSSE.
- January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Clinician Investigator Research Day and Retreat – hosted at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. All CIP Trainees, supervisors, and Residency Training Committee Members (RTC) will participate in trainee research presentations with invited guest, Dr. Sharon Straus, Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto; she holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Translation (KT) and Quality of Care.
- Late January or early February 2020, Drs. Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci, Diane Lorenzetti, Liza Lorenzetti, Tracey Clancy, Michele Jacobsen, Lorelli Nowell, and Tara Christie will host a ½ day retreat (one at FMC as well as one on UC main campus) for all graduate students in CSM (in particular, our MDCH Mentors, Student Specialization Representatives, and Teaching Assistants) and across campus. The session will focus on increasing graduate student awareness of the value of peer mentorship in the context of mental health, as well as increase students' self-efficacy to participate in peer mentoring relationships.
- An open forum *Fireside Chat* for MDCH trainees be held at the end of March 2020.
- A Thesis Defense Examination Workshop for MDCH trainees and supervisors preparing for thesis/dissertation examinations in 2020.
- For the Post-Doctoral Trainees:
  - An information session on HSI where an overview of the program and tips and tricks for success will be shared.
  - Develop opportunities for networking for all post-docs affiliated with OIPH

## 2. Other?

Nothing Further to Report.

## B) Operations

### 3. Time spent by portfolio lead(s) in reporting period (Estimate as %, FTE, # hrs/month, etc):

Approximately 6 hours per month; however, it is difficult to disentangle from our other roles and responsibilities.

### 4. O'Brien human resources and finances requested for future activities and reporting periods:

Should we be successful in organizing a Career Panel event it would be most helpful to receive financial support from OIPH to cover the following costs: catering; communications support (in-kind from OIPH); advertising and printed materials regarding our programs; honoraria for participating speakers. Proposed Estimated Budget of \$5,000 per year.

### 5. Entities other than O'Brien Institute supporting your portfolio activities, and type of support (eg. financial, HR, etc):

- UME for BHSc (undergraduate trainees)
- FGS and GSE for MDCH (graduate trainees)
- CHS for HSIF (post-doctoral trainees)
- PGME for residency programs

- We also have human resources supports such as Mariko Roe (CHS), as well as CHS faculty and administrative support staff.

**6. Other?**

None at this time.

**C) Communications with Executive Committee**

**7. Agenda items and timing request for next meeting with O'Brien Directors:**

If we are able to proceed with hosting a Career Panel event this year, the co-leads will share and request critical feedback from OIPH Executive members, along with assistance in advertising the event.

**8. Agenda items requested for next Executive Committee meeting:**

**a. Updates/advice/learnings (eg. best practices, what's working well...):**

None at this time.

**b. Desired advice/guidance/feedback/brainstorming (eg. challenges, need help with x...):**

None at this time.

**9. Other?**

None at this time.

**D) Outcomes/Outputs of Portfolio Activities**

**10. Academic outputs and societal impacts leveraged by portfolio, if any:**

- Training of highly qualified personnel for the academy and beyond
- Publications
- Awards and Scholarships
- Conference Presentations
- Knowledge translation to relevant communities

**11. Other?**

None at this time.

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