

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health & the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

The Clients with Diabetes Action Committee: A community-based participatory research project using concept mapping and photovoice

Speakers: David Campbell & Matt Larsen

Friday, November 8, 2019 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

We will describe the process of recruiting, training and conducting research with a community-based group of individuals with lived experience of homelessness – both from the perspective of the researcher and the community member. Participants will then be invited to peruse a photo exhibit showcasing the work of our community coresearchers.

David Campbell

Dr. Campbell is a specialist in Endocrinology and Metabolism and an assistant professor in the Departments of Medicine, Community Health Sciences and Cardiac Sciences. He recently completed his post-doctoral fellowship at St. Michael's Hospital - MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions. His research interests centre on the use of participatory and mixed methods to improve equity in health services delivery for those with chronic diseases, with a particular focus on enhancing diabetes care and outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Matt Larsen

Matt is a community-based co-researcher with lived experience of diabetes and homelessness. He has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto (Ontario Institute of Studies in Education) and has worked as a public school teacher for the York Region District School Board. Matt joined the Clients with Diabetes Action Committee in January 2019 and was a peer leader in the group, contributing to a number of research endeavours including concept mapping and photovoice projects. He is a recipient of the 2019 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Lived Experience Scholarship which enabled him to present his research experience at the national conference. Matt was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia, as well as bipolar disorder and cannabis use disorder prior to entering the Toronto shelter system. He sought treatment for substance use in September 2018, and currently has over one year of sobriety from drugs and alcohol. He resides in a rent geared to income house in Toronto, Ontario.

Objectives:

- 1. Participants will assess the benefits and challenges of engaging community members in research projects.
- 2. Participants will consider the process and results of conducting a photovoice project.
- 3. Participants will acquire an understanding of the challenges faced by individuals managing diabetes while facing housing instability

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