

## Revitalising Health for All: Learning from Comprehensive Primary Health Care Experiences

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### The project's new website

The project now has a designated website:  
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We are beginning to post important project documents on the site and the site will become a more important communication tool for our Network as the project goes forward. Please forward any suggestions or comments you have about the project website to Corinne Packer ([cpacker@uottawa.ca](mailto:cpacker@uottawa.ca)).

### Report on the CPHC Management Meeting, 28 Nov. - 1 Dec. 2007

From the 28 November 2007 to 1 December 2007 members of the *Teasdale-Corti Revitalizing Health for All* project team met in Johannesburg, South Africa. This first project management meeting was convened to discuss findings and progress to date on the international literature review of the evidence base of CPHC; and to plan for the next phase of the project, namely the capacity development (training) and new research projects.

The meeting was attended by 15 members of the project team, all of whom represented the various associations the project has with Africa, India and South Asia, Latin America, Europe and Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples in Canada and Australia. These included:

- The project's principal investigators, Profs David Sanders (School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape, South Africa) and Ron Labonte (University of Ottawa, Canada)
- Dr. Corinne Packer (University of Ottawa, Canada) and Ms. Nikki Schaay and Ms. Suraya Mohammed (School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape, South Africa) who are co-ordinating the project research and training activities
- Prof. Fran Baum & Ms. Catherine Hurley (Department of Public Health, Flinders University and South Australian Community Health Research Unit, Australia)
- Prof David Legge (La Trobe University, Australia) who represented the International People's Health University
- Dr. Thelma Narayan & Mr. Vinay Viswanatha (Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action (SOCHARA), India) who represented the People's Health Movement
- Francoise Barten (Radboud University Nijmegen, UMCN and Prof. Hon. at the School of Public Health of Nicaragua; UMSS, Cochabamba and UNAN Leon, Nicaragua)
- Dr. Eduardo Espinoza (Universidad de El Salvador, El Salvador) who represented the People's Health Movement
- Dr. Roman Vega (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia)
- Dr. Raven Sinclair (Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre, Canada)
- Dr. John Boffa (Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Australia).

The meeting focused on a number of key decisions that had to be made in preparation for the next phase of the project. Firstly, the team reviewed the quality of the CPHC literature and evidence collected to date, and how that would inform future research questions. Whilst interesting evidence has been found, it was agreed that the various CPHC regional reviews (namely, those conducted in North America, Africa, South and Central America, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, India and South Asia, Middle East and Europe) would be extended for an additional two months and be completed by May 2008, after which a global literature review would be compiled and be made available for public distribution.

Secondly, the meeting finalized the project's 'Expressions of Interest' (EOIs) document, which is essentially a call for research teams committed to developing important new knowledge and action on comprehensive primary health care to apply for funding to support their proposed area of interest. The call for EOIs will be distributed in early January through the T- Corti CPHC network and relevant listservs in the four different areas/regions in which we are focusing our overall project work, namely:

- India and South Asia
- Africa
- Latin America
- Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples in Canada and Australia

One of the criteria for submitting an EOI is that each team ought to be made up of three people: 1) an early career researcher; 2) someone who is working in health systems developing or implementing primary health care policies or programs, and 3) a mentor or more senior researcher with experience in research on CPHC, health systems, health and development or other related social development area.

Thirdly, the meeting also finalised a framework or 'roadmap' for the project's capacity development process which is to be run in each of the four regions between 2008 – 2010. The core content areas to be covered in each of these regional training programmes on an annual basis are outlined later in this Newsletter. .

## **Adjustments to funded research pairs and their funding**

A unanimous decision was made at the management meeting that research teams should be given more funds to conduct their research and to attend the regional trainings. To do so, the number of research teams funded will be reduced. It was also agreed that mentors should be encouraged to attend the trainings and that their related expenses be covered by the project. Funds presently allocate for the final conference in 2011 will be used instead to enhance the resources available to research teams. New funds will have to be raised to cover the cost of our final conference.

It was agreed that each region would be granted the following number of research teams and funds. The funding levels have been adjusted to reflect the costs of conducting research in different parts of the world and exclude the costs to attend the training programs and regional workshops, which are covered by other project budget-lines.

### ***India and South Asia***

Up to 5 applications will be accepted. Each will be granted a stipend of a maximum CAD 17,200 for the length of the project (per team).

### ***Africa***

Up to 5 applications will be accepted. Each will be granted a stipend of a maximum CAD 24,200 for the length of the project (per team).

### ***Latin America***

Up to 5 applications will be accepted. Each will be granted a stipend of a maximum CAD 24,200 for the length of the project (per team).

### ***Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples in Canada and Australia***

Up to 6 applications will be accepted. Each will be granted a stipend of a maximum CAD 27,300 to cover the length of the project (per team). While research costs are highest in these high-income countries, there is greater access to other sources of research funding for Indigenous/Aboriginal health studies.

## EOIs and Regional EOI Review Committees

Applications for funding/training will consist of an 'Expression of Interest' (EOIs) and other supporting documents. The EOIs are ready in both English and Spanish. Calls for applications will be made via key listservs (such as through the People's Health movement, PAHO) and through the T-Corti Network. Please feel free to send on the call for applications to anyone you think might be interested.

Regional Committees will be established soon to review the EOI applications for funding. The Regional Committee has already been set for Latin America and the Committees in other regions will have to be formed in the next few months.

We have indicated on the EOI that should applicants have questions regarding the appropriate region-specific research questions that they should contact the following project members:

Region: Latin America  
Eduardo Espinoza: porsiviajo@yahoo.com

Region: India and South Asia  
Thelma Narayan: thelma@sochara.org

Region: Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples in Canada  
Raven Sinclair: raven.sincalir@uregina.ca

Region: Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples in Australia  
John Boffa: john.boffa@caac.org.au

Region: Africa  
Nikki Schaay: schaay@mweb.co.za

## Core content of regional trainings

The curriculum of regional trainings was discussed at the meeting. The curriculum follows the model of the IPHU short courses on researching primary health care. We identified a number of topic areas around which the courses will be structured. These include:

1) The Politics of PHC: early pioneers, origins of Alma-Ata, politics of global health policy from Alma-Ata to (World Bank sponsored) health sector reform,

civil society responses to neoliberalism in health policy, emergence of PHM and the PCH;

2) The Principles of PHC: interpretations of Alma-Ata, levels, values, principles, characteristics, place of PHC in health systems policies, role of PHC in addressing social and environmental determinants of health;

3) Global and National Health Systems Policy: issues and debates, key actors, histories, case studies;

4) The Wider Social (political, cultural, economic) and Institutional Context: of health systems policy debates: theories of social change, role of social movements, role of the State, roots of neoliberalism in health policy;

5) Researchable Questions about PHC: research understood as addressing the uncertainties about PHC implementation which have been holding us up; difference between research and collecting data for advocacy or proving 'what we already know', formulating researchable questions;

6) Research Paradigms and Traditions in PHC: interpretivism and empiricism, participatory research, research action relationships, participatory action research;

7) Research Methods Relevant to PHC: ways of collecting (or using routine) data, causality and attribution and research strategies which throw light on causality and attribution;

8) Inference and the Analysis of Research Data: correlation, comparisons between before and after and between intervention and control, analysing qualitative data;

We explored a range of different approaches to addressing these issues in the context of planning quite specific research projects (the enrollees in the course will have submitted draft sketch plans for their research proposals which we will be working on throughout the short course).

Possible learning activities (as well as traditional 'lectures') which we discussed include:

- Brainstorming the program logic (logical framework) linking CPHC and health and social determinants; sharing different perspectives; building on people's own experiences and frameworks;
- Listening to and working on the EOIs progressively throughout the course; working on research mindedness; evidence to action; methodologies; about analysis; collectively analysing the specific context (histories, politics, cultural, etc) of particular projects;
- Collectively analysing the country context (history, culture, politics and current and future challenges);
- Drawing out the lessons from the literature assembled in the first stage of the research, starting with the participants' own lessons, including their reflection on their own experience and what their new research will contribute.

**Important request:** We are now looking for teaching resources which might support these kinds of learning objectives and learning activities. These will include:

- reports, journal articles, reviews, book chapters, booklets and leaflets case studies and research syntheses
- websites
- existing distance education resource materials
- lectures
- reports from the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health knowledge networks

If you would have these and would like to share them, please contact Training Coordinator Nikki Schaay at: [schaay@mweb.co.za](mailto:schaay@mweb.co.za).

## Regional Committees and Faculties

Regional Committees will eventually have to be formed and Chairs of these Committees confirmed. The principal role of these Committees will be to organize the regional training faculty and training content, together with Nikki Schaay who is co-ordinating the training aspects of the project. A Regional Committee has already been tentatively formed for Latin America.

## Important project dates to remember

### *Submission of EOIs*

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

The closing date for submitting an EOIs for conducting CPHC research as part of the *Teasdale-Corti Revitalizing Health for All* project.

### *Evaluation and selection deadline*

**30 April 2008**

Regional Committees evaluate and select the top 10 applications (of which 5 or 6 will be granted funding) from their respective regions.

### *Regional training programs on CPHC research*

Region: Latin America

26 September - 7 October 2008

(Venue – Bogota, Colombia)

Region: India and South Asia

13-24 October 2008

(Venue - Bangalore, India)

Region: Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples

In Canada and Australia

20-31 October 2008

(Venue - Adelaide, Australia)

Region: Africa

3 -14 November 2008

(Venue - Cape Town, South Africa)

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