

# **Department Council Meeting**

## **May 24, 2019**



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# **Department Head Report**

**Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn**

# Presentation by Laura McDougall on the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund (ACPLF)



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# Population, Public & Indigenous Health

Dr. Laura McDougall, SMOH/SMD PPIH and PPIH SCN

Community Health Services Council, UofC, May 24, 2019

# AHS Quadruple Aim

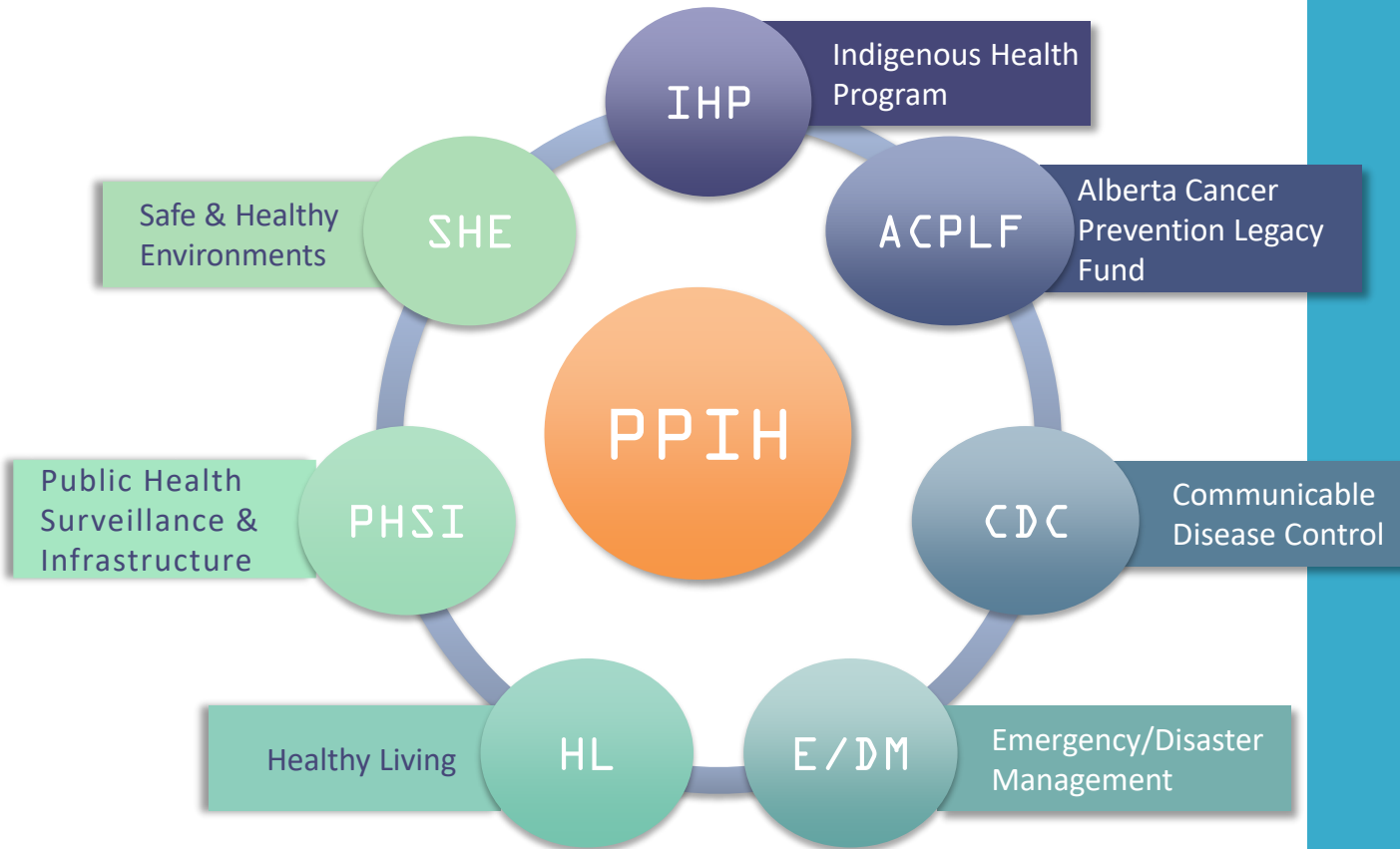


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experience

Our people

Patient and  
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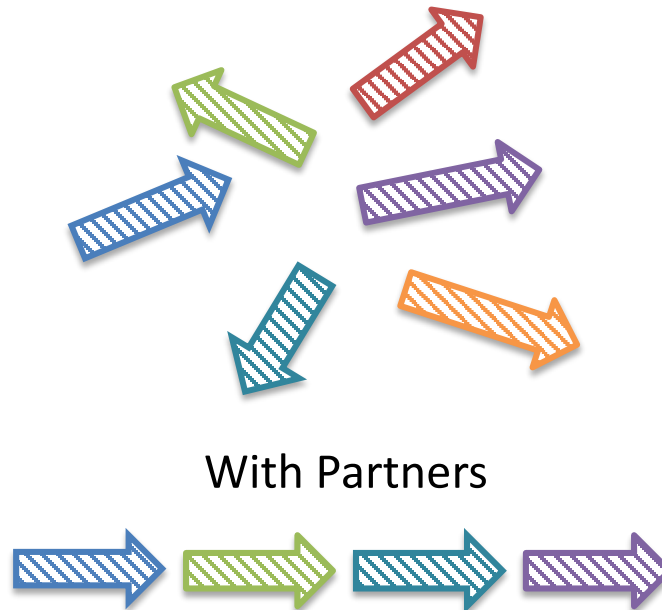
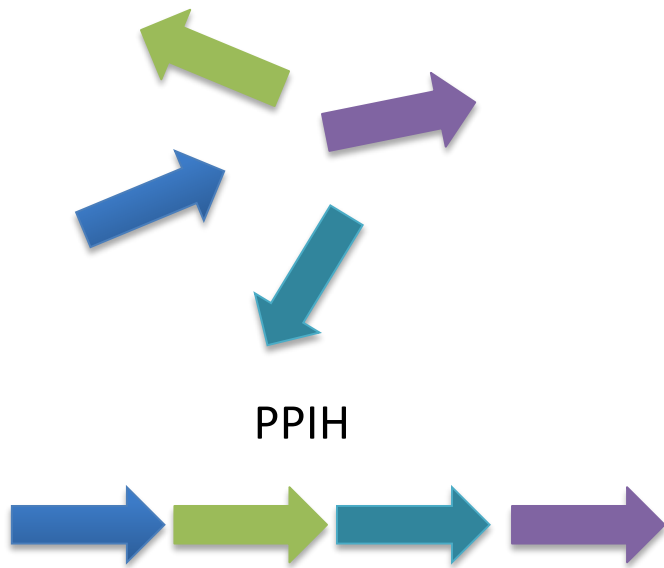
Financial health  
and value for  
money



# Population, Public and Indigenous Health

- Advance health equity
- Close the gap in health outcomes in Indigenous communities
- Support development of resilient communities
- Support use of the Population Health Approach with primary care and broader health system
- Promote health and safety with children, youth and families

# Strategic Directions



# Strengthen Alignment

Healthier Together Communities

Community

Healthier Together Workplaces

Workplace

Comprehensive School Health

School

Healthier Together Health Services

Health  
Services

Home

Home

Healthier Together

Virtual

# Healthy Settings



# Alberta Community Health Dashboard

- Locally relevant, up-to-date information to help communities identify health needs
- By local geographic area
- Social determinants
- Risk behaviours
- Cancer screening rates
- Immunization rates
- Health equity page

## Risk Factors Grouped by Social Conditions

This section allows you to select one social condition and examine how all the risk factors differ across various groupings

### Social Conditions

Canadian Deprivation Index

### Zone

Alberta

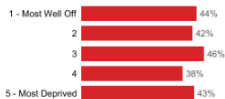
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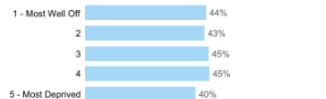
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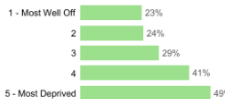
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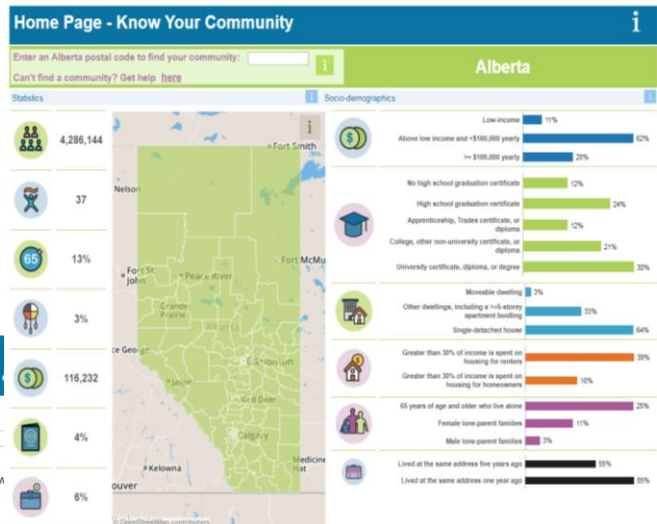
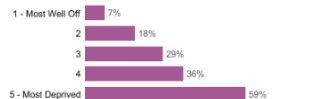
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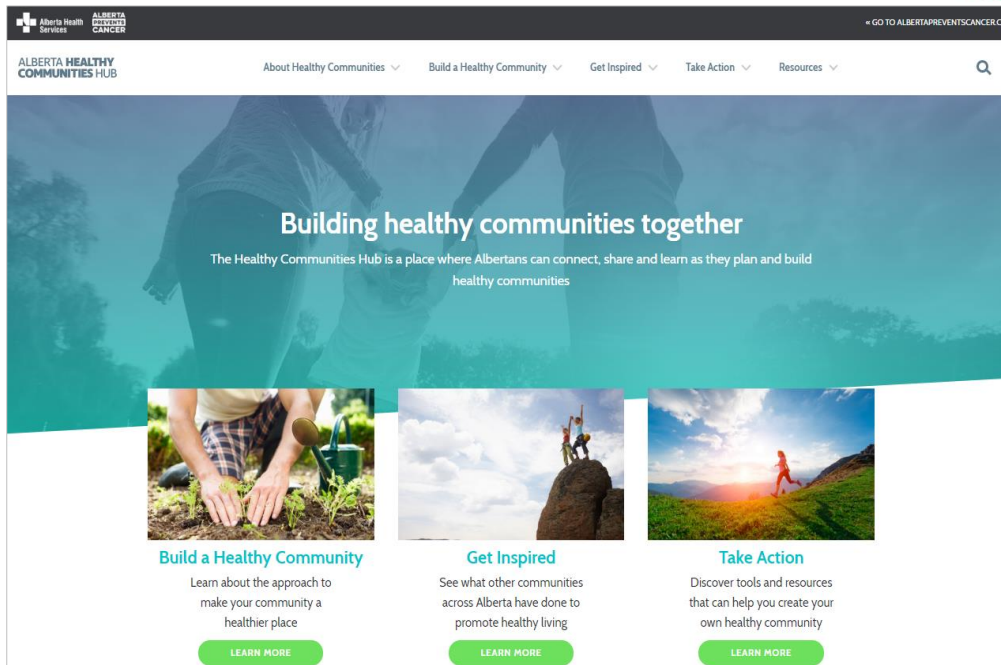
Using  
Prevention  
Data  
for Better  
Impact

Available at [HealthierTogether.ca](https://www.healthiertogether.ca)

<https://www.healthiertogether.ca/prevention-data/alberta-community-health-dashboard/>

## Alberta Healthy Communities Approach

- Piloted with 16 rural communities across all zones
- 3 Indigenous communities with cultural adaptations
- Expanding to 16 new communities through mentorship model for high capacity communities and facilitation model for lower capacity ones



# Enhancing Community Capacity

# Mid-term evaluation



## St. Paul Pre-Post Community Capacity



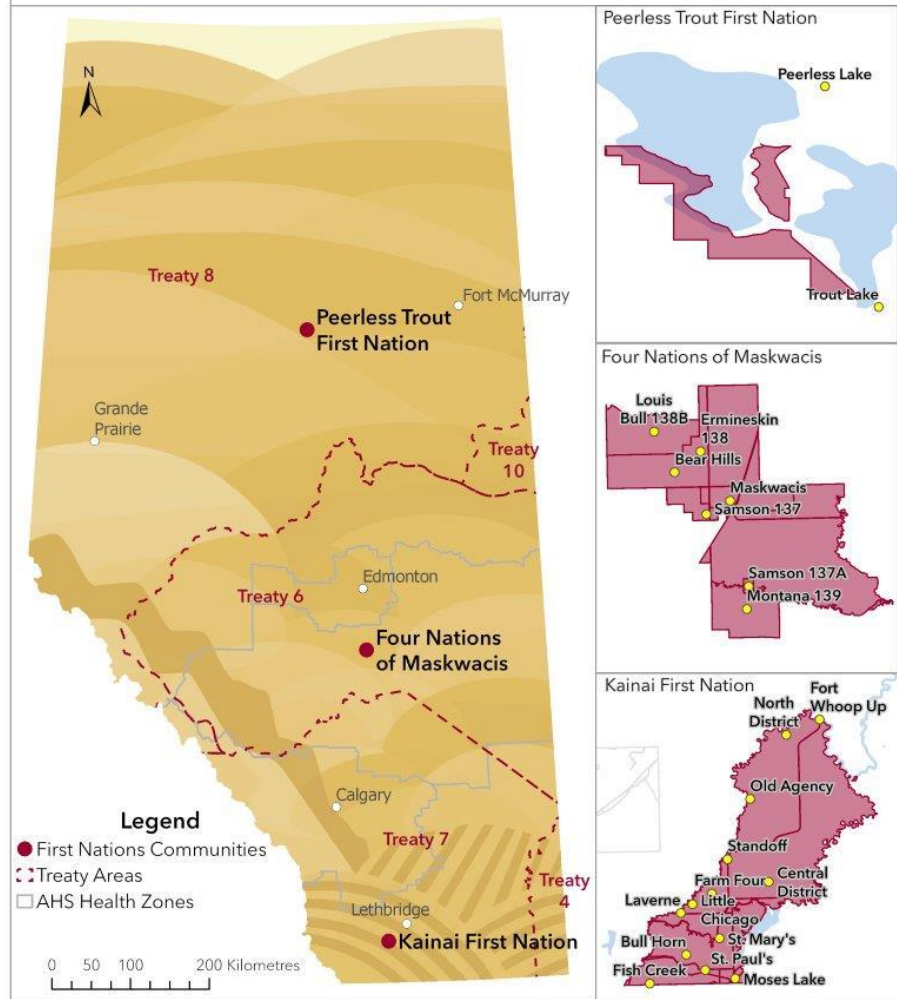
All  
communities  
showed  
increased  
capacity  
scores

## First Nations Practices

### Statement of Shared Commitment:

*Grounded in Indigenous cultural knowledge and values, and incorporating scientific knowledge, we agree to work towards a coordinated, effective, and sustainable First Nation approach for cancer prevention and screening*

### First Nations Cancer Prevention and Screening Practices Project: FN Community Lead Sites





## Healthier Together Workplaces

- Online step-by-step program that provides workplaces with the tools and resources they need to create a healthy workplace.
- Workplaces meeting established benchmarks can apply for AHS recognition as a healthy workplace

### Recognition Levels



# Facilitating Prevention in the Workplace

## Healthier Together – Health Services

- Provides guidance to healthcare leaders and teams to support patients, staff, and visitors in achieving their health goals both within the health care setting and the in community around it.
- Builds from Tobacco Free Futures, Alberta Screening and Prevention (ASaP), Healthier Together Workplaces, and Alberta Healthy Communities



# Promoting Health in Health Care Settings

## Reducing the Impact of Financial Strain

- Partnership between PPIH SCN and AHS PHC and the AMA using a population health approach
- 5 clinics participating in 3 PCNs across 3 Zones
- Primary care identifies and adapts care for patients with financial strain
- Integrated care partnerships built with existing community programs and resources
- Community coalition uses the Alberta Healthy Communities Approach to create upstream solutions
- Population health needs framework created jointly between PPIH and PHC and PCNs



Income is  
one of the  
most  
powerful  
determinants  
of health



# Next Steps

## Rachel Ellaway

2019 Duncan Graham  
Award for Outstanding  
Contribution to  
Medical Education

&

2019 CAME Ian Hart  
Award for  
Distinguished  
Contribution to  
Medical Education





Lindsay McLaren

2019 CIHR Institute  
of Population and  
Public Health Mid-  
Career Trailblazer  
Award



Lorian Hardcastle

2019 recipient of the  
Students' Union  
Teaching Excellence  
Award



## Christine Friedenreich

Elected to chair the  
Scientific Council of the  
International Agency  
for Research on Cancer  
(IARC)



## Pamela Roach

2019 CSM

Graduate Science  
Education Award for  
Clinical, Adjunct, and  
Research Faculty  
acknowledging significant  
contributions in Graduate  
Science Education



# Congratulations!



John Taplin

EMS SEEDS Bursary



Jessalyn Holodinsky

2018-19 GSA Teaching Excellence  
Award (Graduate Student)



# Congratulations!



Kimberly Manalili

2019 Vanier Scholar



Chelsea Christie

2019 Vanier Scholar



## Tiffany Boulton Instructor

Community Rehabilitation and  
Disabilities Studies

Her focus is on critical  
sociological study of disability,  
medicine, and the body

Tiffany will be joining the  
Department as of July 1, 2019

# Welcome!



## Jenine Leal Assistant Professor

Research Scientist, Infection  
Prevention & Control (IPC)

A PhD in health economics and  
expertise in IPC

Jenine will be joining the  
Department Sept 1, 2019

**Assistant Professor, Health Services Research** – Search and Selection Committee has selected its top candidate, final review by Department Heads to be completed mid-June

**Search Committee:** Brenda Hemmelgarn (Chair), Joseph Dort, Winson Cheung, Nicole Culos-Reed, Wayne Matthews, Bill Ghali, May Lynn Quan, Natalie Scime, Hude Quan

- ARO – May / June
- The Tenure, Promotion and Renewal declaration period is open until **June 17, 2019** for
  - Renewal of Tenure Track
  - Tenure with Promotion
  - Tenure
  - Promotion
  - Transfer between streams



The University of Calgary is undergoing an upgrade to its website platform and will be migrating from Drupal 7 to Drupal 8 over the next year.

Our Department is no exception and by September we will have a new website! We have begun the process for developing web content with an external partner, WeUs, and our Division Leads. Our new website will focus on targeting external audiences with the goal of attracting prospective students and faculty by highlighting the quality of the programs offered by our department, as well as elevating the profile of the department overall.

As this project rolls out we will be seeking input from our stakeholders, YOU, and in the coming weeks we will begin the information gathering process. We would love to know how best to continue serving your needs so please take the opportunity to provide your feedback.

# Update from O'Brien Institute

## Funding Opportunities & Internal Peer Review

CIHR Foundation Scheme cancelled	PRIHS 5 announced – intake form by June 15; contact SCNs now!
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## Upcoming event highlights (*and why O'Brien staff will be stressed 'til July*)

GRIP/PH&P opioid event ( <i>Changing the Narrative</i> ), Downtown Campus	May 27
David Naylor (CSM Friesen Prize Lecture + O'Brien 'fireside chat')	May 28
Basic Income Calgary (@ New Central Library)	May 30, 31
Science in the Cinema <i>Indian Horse</i> @ The Plaza	June 5
Friday seminar – returning grant strategy panel	June 7
Campus Alberta – get on the party bus to Edmonton!	June 10
Visit of O'Brien's International Scientific Advisory Group	June 17,18

## Administration

Notify Karen Green ASAP of <b>any</b> changes to workstation occupation	karen.green2@ucalgary.ca
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# Update from the Engagement Committee

Jesse Hendrikse, Co-Chair

- Faculty Incentive Program – wrapping up soon but keep signing in! Prize to be drawn & awarded at Summer Engagement Event!
- Engagement Committee has been brainstorming some ways of revamping how to improve faculty seminar attendance, stay tuned for a survey to give us your feedback
- If you have a cool idea or special request for seminar speakers, please pitch it to Kerry McBrien or Fabiola Aparicio-Ting, Co-Leads of the O'Brien Institute's Seminars & Events Executive Committee Portfolio

Mariko on behalf of Bria Mele and Sophie Hu, CHSSE Co-Chairs

- Incoming new CHSSE team, Natalie Wiebe is one of the new CHSSE Chairs for this upcoming year; other members will be confirmed and announced
- Dr. Oddone Paolucci to provide update on Student Survey

# Important 2019-2020 Dates

**May 24, 2019 (TODAY)**

**CHS/O'Brien Institute Seminar  
with Martin Bland**

May 28, 2019

Friesen Prize Lecture with  
Dr. David Naylor

May 30, 2019

Make it B.I.G. (Basic Income  
Guarantee) Public Forum

June 5, 2019

O'Brien Institute hosts Science in the  
Cinema – "Indian Horse"

## *2019-2020 Academic year intake*

Recruitment for the Fall 2019 intake is complete! There was very high application pressure this year and we are very excited about the caliber of incoming students. I had the pleasure of meeting several incoming students in April and we have a strong cohort of Health & Society majors with diverse academic and research interests. Many thanks to the CHS faculty who participate in this process as application reviewers.

## *Summer Research*

Many of our students will be undertaking summer research projects and we extend our gratitude to all CHS faculty who have opened up opportunities for Health & Society students within their research teams. Many of our students were successful in securing funding for their summer research from a variety of sources, including PURE, Markin and O'Brien studentships. Thank you all for your continued support and research engagement with our students.



## *2019-2020 Academic year planning*

We are now in the midst of planning for the upcoming academic year and are grateful for Brenda Hemmelgarn's support in ensuring that teaching in the BHSc program remains strong. As always, we welcome faculty interested in making an educational contribution to the BHSc program. In particular, we are looking for faculty interested in participating as small group preceptors for our Friday afternoon (2:30-4:30pm) session with our Honours thesis students (MDSC 508). This contribution requires no prep time for each session, with 3 sessions in Fall and 6 sessions in the Winter semesters. Please contact Fabiola Aparicio-Ting (feaparic@ucalgary.ca) if you are interested in further details.

## Examinations

Five PHPM residents are completing training in 2019. The program wishes Drs. Allison Gonsalves, Grace Salvo, Jing Hu, John Webb, and Nuha Filfilan well in the next phase of their careers.

## Curriculum

Dr. Christine Kennedy has been hired as a Medical Officer of Health in AHS Calgary Zone. She will be responsible for the environmental public health portfolio, including serving as the preceptor for PHPM environmental health field rotations.

## **CRDS Update**

Dr. Tiffany Boulton's recruitment was approved by the Department Head's meeting, so all approvals now completed! We hope to welcome Tiffany on July 1, 2019.

Completed admissions for CRDS graduate specialization, 1 PhD and 2 MSc

Online Courses discussion and first phase of a two year project to develop and deliver 10 online courses from faculties across campus will get underway in Fall 2019.

## **BCR Update**

Enrollment to date for 2019/20

33 confirmed for 2 year route | 37 confirmed for 4 year route | 15 change of program

Target is 75 new students, 70 are currently confirmed

CRDS Connector 2019 event – April 10, 2019

The CRDS Connector was a very successful event that connected undergraduate students, CRDS graduates and service providers in the community to share posters, present videos, and participate in a panel discussion. 41 community partners attended, 91 posters were displayed and 120 students participated. We are grateful for the support of the Administrative staff, Student Advisor, CRDSSA Reps, panel presenters and faculty in making this initiative a success. The financial support of the Undergraduate Medical Education Assoc. Dean's office and grant from CRDSSA allowed us to provide hospitality and covered the rental of equipment for the venue. Thank you Ebba Kurtz for your support and participation that day. Attendees completed an evaluation form and the feedback will be useful in planning next year's event. The next Connector Event is booked for April 8, 2020.

You at UCalgary event - May 4, 2019 – Sarah Hawley and Patti Desjardine (Student Advisor and Practicum Coordinator) hosted a roundtable discussion with high school students. 8 new applicants attended. CRDSSA Reps Anoushka Jere and Megan King contributed to the roundtable discussion by highlighting their practicum experiences.

Two CORE Spring courses (both of which are online) are being offered.

**Staff:** We are pleased to announce that Erin O'Connor has assumed the role of program coordinator for the MDSA program. Erin is also the program coordinator for the Centre for Health Informatics. Erin can be reached at [ekoconno@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ekoconno@ucalgary.ca) for questions related to the Health Data Science and Biostatistics Program.

**Admissions:** The MDSA program received 168 applications to the overall program. For the health specialization, we have offered admission to 13 students to begin the certificate in September 2019 and to begin the diploma (in health) in January 2020. The business and data science specializations are still reviewing their applications but we anticipate well over 50 students to the entire program.

**Teaching:** We are pleased to announce the instructors for the upcoming diploma courses in data science. The instructors and course offerings are as follows:

DATA 621: Advanced Statistical Modeling	Dr. Alberto Nettel-Aguirre
DATA 622: Machine Learning for Health Data Science	Dr. Joon Lee
DATA 623: Big Data in Health	Dr. Robin Walker
DATA 624: Advanced Exploration & Visualization in Health	Dr. Zahra Shakeri

All courses will run from 5:00-8:00pm on various nights of the week. Graduate students outside of the MDSA program may register in DATA 622 or DATA 624 with consent of the instructor and health data science program directors. DATA 621 and 623 will be closed to students outside of the MDSA program.

**Master's Program Approval Process:** The application for the professional Master's degree in data science (the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the program) has been approved by all levels at the University of Calgary and has been submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval.



## Reminders

**June 3-7** Convocation

**June 17** Last day to withdraw from a course/end of classes

**June 19-21** Spring Exams

**June 28** End of Spring Session

## Announcements

**GPA, MDCH.** Karen Rivest is still away. We thank the Graduate Science Education (GSE) Office for all their support, especially Marion Mildenberger and Benn (Benedicta) Antepim who are currently managing MDCH.

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship Winners!** Congratulations to **Chelsea Christie and Kimberly Manalili** from MDCH for being *two out of the nine* UC graduate student winners of the Vanier 2019 competition. Chelsea is investigating the relationships between walking, the walkability of neighborhoods, and SES, while Kimberly's research will support the implementation and evaluation of quality indicators for person-centered care in an urban primary care clinic.

## **NEW Leadership Pathway for Indigenous Health Research SPRING MDCH Course**

Drs. Rita Henderson and Pamela Roach are offering a new MDCH graduate-level Spring 2019 course in response to the need to enhance Indigenous health research within the University of Calgary. This course is intended to build leadership capacity for critical Indigenous health education across the Cumming School of Medicine, and takes an anti-racist and disruptive approach to learning to support students in the development of research skills that approach data collection, analysis, and representation as a complex negotiation between Western and Indigenous knowledge systems. The plan is to eventually seek approvals to make this course a regular calendar offering in MDCH.

**Student Annual Progress Reports (APRs) DUE!** A special thank you to all students and supervisors who have already completed and submitted APRs. All thesis-based students who were active in the Winter 2019 term and who are continuing on in our program in the summer and beyond must complete an APR. The APR requires sequential completion from the student, Supervisor, Co-Supervisor, and GPD. The deadline for submission of completed APRs to the GPD is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Scholarship Changes

QEII/AGES - The QEII competition (for master's and doctoral students) is currently closed as it transitions to the AGES. We are currently in a period of transition with respect to scholarship funding from the Government of Alberta. Until this year, the province allocated QEII scholarships for each institution based on the number of eligible (domestic) graduate students enrolled in that institution. The Province will be phasing out the QEII scholarships, along with the Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship (a small scholarship awarded near the end of a student's Master's degree) in favour of a new *Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES)*. These will be administered by Post-Secondary Institutions. While still unconfirmed, it is assumed the total amount available will be roughly equal to the amount we had for QEII scholarships for 2018/19. Based on communications from the Province, it is expected that the value of the AGES scholarships will be set at \$11,000 for Master's and \$15,000 for Doctoral. We have continued the practice of distributing a portion of these centrally based scholarships on students' performance in the tri-council adjudication (with the exception of CIHR doctoral programs). If students in our program are placed well in the tri-council competition (either Master's or Doctoral), we have been advised to anticipate having students funded with AGES scholarships. More information will be circulated when it is made available.

**CSM Funding Policy Approved and Final.** The guaranteed funding policy for all graduate programs across the Cumming School of Medicine was approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies on April 4, 2019. To access the document visit the following link: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/files/gse/csm-funding-policy\\_fgs-approved\\_final\\_1.pdf](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/files/gse/csm-funding-policy_fgs-approved_final_1.pdf)

**MDCH 600 - Block Week Course and New MDCH Cohort.** Our *Introduction to CHS and Determinants of Health* Block Week (MDCH 600) Course will be offered to our new cohort of ~ 40 students from **August 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**. This course critically includes the effective combined participation of various faculty content experts, our Department Head, OIPH Leadership, MDCH Specialization Chairs, and CHSSE Leaders. We hope all faculty can display our special CHS spirit by welcoming our incoming students at the annual **Networking Lunch** on **August 27<sup>th</sup> from noon-1pm**. Please be sure to mark these important dates in your calendar now!

**End of Meeting**

**Next Council Meeting  
September 27<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Have a Great Summer!**