# #1 August 2011 Newsletter

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# **RE-IMAGINING LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE**

an international study of promising practices

# A "society that treats its most vulnerable members with compassion is a more just and caring society for all" - World Health Organization

## This month

- Draft report of 1<sup>st</sup> year activities
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## 1. Draft report of 1st year activities

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Pat sent a report of the first year activities of the project to both the funder (SSHRC) and the Vice-President Research at York. Although this is not required, in sending the report, Pat noted that it will be useful as a basis for meeting with our advisory board and community groups, for keeping SSHRC up to date on how far we have come, and for reminding team members to keep us informed. It also provides a template for our records, and may be useful to SSHRC for other purposes.

The draft report is posted under "documents" on <u>reimagineLTC</u> (03)

Please take a moment to review the report. As noted, it is a draft.

Send changes/additions (especially to the publications section) to Wendy by the end of September.

## 2. Funding opportunities

## i. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Institute of Aging (IA):

This funding opportunity is a team grant with a two-step application process. Multidisciplinary research groups representing three to five funding countries can submit a **pre-proposal (letter of intent) by October 3, 2011** to investigate specific research questions related to this joint call for multidisciplinary research on "Active and Healthy Ageing Across the Life Course". For more information about this call, click <u>here</u>.

Information for Canadian applicants is available on the CIHR Funding Opportunities Database, click <u>here</u>.

# ii. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Evidence-Informed Healthcare Renewal (EIHR)

This initiative will support researchers and decision makers to work together to advance the current state of knowledge, generate novel and creative solutions, and translate evidence for uptake into policy and practice to strengthen Canada's healthcare systems.

One of the three priority areas for this opportunity is financing and funding models, and it is noted that

innovation in this area "will require contributions from a wide range of disciplines and methodological approaches."

The **application deadline is October 3, 2011**. This is a Knowledge Synthesis grant. Find full information under the CIHR research priority area "Evidence Informed Healthcare Renewal" <u>here</u>.

See also Frederika's posting on the funding blog on reimagineLTC (O3).

These funding opportunities are also posted on <u>reimagineLTC</u> (O3), funding blog.

## iii. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI)

The intent of the PHSI program is to strengthen Canada's healthcare system through collaborative, applied and policy-relevant research. Its strong emphasis on partnerships and knowledge translation makes it a major resource for managers and policy makers who want relevant research to inform their decision-making.

PHSI funds teams of decision makers and researchers to conduct applied health services and policy research. Projects can last up to three years and receive up to a maximum of \$400,000 from CIHR over the life of the project. Additional funding from external partners is required.

The **application deadline is November 1, 2011**. Supporting documentation from potential competition partners is required by September 15, 2011, unless otherwise stated by the competition partner. Full information is available <u>here</u>.

# 3. 2012 annual team meeting dates

Mark the dates! Our 2012 annual team meeting will be held from Wednesday, May 23 to Friday, May 25.

We have scheduled the meeting immediately preceding the 2012 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, as some theme groups have expressed interest in participating. <u>Congress 2012</u> is being held at Wilfrid Laurier University & University of Waterloo, Saturday, May 26 to Saturday, June 2, 2012.

# 4. What's new

# i. Accessing the bibliography

<u>reimagineLTC</u> (O3) now includes a link to the bibliography at the bottom of each page. A student will resume adding items to the bibliography in the fall.

# ii. Presentations from the May 31st panel on Long-term Residential Care: Perspectives from Europe

These are available in "documents", presentations folder on <u>reimagineLTC</u> (O3).

# iii. Publications

Tamara, Albert, Pat, Hugh and Marta's article "Lifting the 'Violence Veil': Examining Working Conditions in Long-term Care Facilities Using Iterative Mixed Methods" has been published in the current issue of the <u>Canadian Journal on Aging</u>, Volume 30, Issue 02, pp 271 - 284. It will be added to the bibliography in the fall.

Pat and Hugh's book review of Julia Johnson, Sheena Rolph and Randall Smith, "Residential Care Transformed: Revisiting 'The Last Refuge'" has been published in the <u>Canadian Journal of Sociology, 36,</u> <u>2 (2011): 229-232.</u>

And yours? Send your recently published, accepted, or under review submissions to Wendy. Please remember to acknowledge the project *and our funder* where appropriate.

## iv. Seminar series

The York Seminar for Advanced Research series launches on September 12, and continues until the spring of 2012. The funding for this series was awarded by the office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation, at York.

### v. Karen Messing visiting scholar in September

Karen is an international expert on workplace studies especially women's paid employment and health issues. She will arrive on September 6<sup>th</sup> and will work with us for September. Karen will speak at the initial session of our York Seminar for Advanced Research series.

#### 5. Public Website

We are working steadily on the revised public website (<u>http://swinarton.com/reltc/</u>), and plan to launch it by the end of the summer at the latest.

We need pictures! If you have images that are not copyrighted and could be used on the site, please send them to Jeremy (jeremy@swinarton.com), with a cc to me (wwinters@yorku.ca).