
Q.E.O.L.

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Words From Wendy

This is the first edition of the Q.E.O.L. newsletter. Its purpose is to provide a forum for communication of our Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation Quality End of Life Research Group activities. The overall goal of our group is to build a cohesive multidisciplinary collaborative research group to perform translational research that will benefit those at the end of life. In the next 2 years there will be many activities to help us achieve this goal. If you have any questions about the newsletter or the research group, please feel free to contact myself or Elise Matthew, Research Coordinator. ❖

Welcome to the Group!

Our new member, **Kelly Penz, RN, MN**, is a special-case PhD student in the College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan. Kelly will be supervised by Dr. Wendy Duggleby and her research will focus on professional caregivers caring for persons at the end of life.

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Associates:

Val Arnault-Pelletier, Lawrence Clein, Velda Clark, Rev. Dan Cooper, P. Gaye Hanson, Chris Mpofu, Edna Parrott, David Popkin, Daphne Powell, Syed Shah, Ken Stakiw, Stella Swertz, Carl L. von Baeyer, Meredith Wild, Karen Wright, Debra Wiszniak

Resource Personnel:

Jan Baxter-Jones (Finances), Paul J. Graham (Database), Elise J. Matthews (Research Coordinator), Shari McKay (Research Development), Bernadine Rudichuk (Administrative Coordinator), Mark Tomtene (Website)

Research Focus:

The overall goal of the research development grant is to build on the strengths of a diverse group of Saskatchewan researchers currently conducting end of life care research, and increase research capacity and collaboration in an area in which the Canadian Institutes of Health have identified a critical deficit. The group's four interconnecting theme areas cut across care settings and include persons with life-limiting illness: 1. Culturally Competent Care, 2. Timely Access to Appropriate Care, 3. Supporting Informal Care, and 4. Innovative Approaches for Research and Knowledge Transfer.

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Our new associate **P. Gaye Hanson, RN, BScN, MPA**, is the President of Hanson & Associates Management Consulting Services, a division of Chrysalis Human Development Inc. in Whitehorse, Yukon. Gaye is the Pallium Project Consultant in Aboriginal Relations and Development, and has served as President of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada since September 2005.

We also welcome two new associates from Dr. Kaiser Ali's pediatric research team. **Dr. Carl L. von Baeyer** is a Professor of Psychology and Associate Member in Pediatrics at the University of Saskatchewan. His research and clinical interests are mainly in the assessment and treatment of recurrent pain in children and in measurement of pain in children. With colleagues and students he has recently formed a 'Research Group on Pain in Childhood' (www.usask.ca/childpain) at the University of Saskatchewan and is one of six co-leaders of Pain in Child Health, a cross-Canada strategic research training program sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research with the goal of developing a community of researchers in pediatric pain. **Dr. Chris Mpofo** is an Associate Member in the Department of Pediatrics in Oncology at the University of Saskatchewan. ❖

Knowledge Translation Workshop

The QEOL Knowledge Translation Workshop will be held **Tuesday, August 22, 2006, 1 to 4pm at St. Thomas More College room 344B** on the University of Saskatchewan Campus. Catering will be provided by the excellent Choices on Campus. Parking is available in the lot next to the building. This will be a great opportunity for the group to reconnect face to face as a whole. The schedule of events is as follows:

- 1300h The Future of Knowledge Translation.
~ Dr. Harley Dickinson
- 1345h Current Examples of Knowledge Translation
~Paul Graham
- 1430h refreshments served

1500h What's New in Knowledge Translation: data collection, media, and technology
~Gerald Saul

We would like to remind our **full members to join together at 1100h for pictures** (with Mark Tomtene, for the website, and James Winkle from SHRF) and a lunch meeting to update on research activities and other business. Kyla Avis, MN, RN, from Continuing Nursing Education, College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, will introduce opportunities for collaboration to the group.

We will miss those who are unable to attend, but we look forward to enjoying this afternoon of learning!

Dr. Harley Dickinson is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan. His research interests include Health and Health Care, Theory, Policy Analysis/Public Policy. His research focuses on the relationships between knowledge creation, translation and application in the context of health care planning and service delivery. He is particularly interested in the ways in which different types of knowledge claims are related to tendencies towards either technocratic or democratic forms of health system governance. He is currently a Co-Principal Investigator on a research project entitled Knowledge Utilization and Policy Implementation (KUPI) funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

Paul J. Graham has a Master's of Library and Information Sciences. He is a Research Librarian with the Knowledge Utilization and Policy Implementation Project in the Department of Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan.

Gerald Saul is an Associate Professor and Department Head of the University of Regina Fine Arts Department in Media Production and Studies. He has a Master of Fine Arts in Film Theory and Film Production from York University in Toronto. Gerald's work and interests extend to traditional and computer animation, handprocess film and cameraless animation techniques, narrative film screenwriting and production and film curation. He teaches Film and Video Production and Animation. ❖

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 2006

First group meeting of the QEOL Research Group at Queen's House Retreat Center

AUGUST 2006

Knowledge Translation Workshop

JANUARY 2007

Visiting Scholar Dr. Barbara Paterson (Chronic Diseases)

MAY 2007

Visiting Scholar Dr. Susan MacMillan (Quality of Life, Informal Caregivers)

FALL 2007

Visiting Scholar Dr. Linda Burhanstipanov (Cultural Competence)

Research Coordinator Notes

Elise J. Matthews, BScN, RN

It has been a pleasure to work with the group and I look forward to meeting more of the members at the workshop in August. Thank you for all of your suggestions for visiting scholars; I have been working with Wendy to arrange these visits. This summer I will be working with the two CIHR funded nursing students to assist the members in their research activities and expose the students to the interdisciplinary research process. Welcome to **Susan Angelstad and Celise Deschamps!** ***If you have need of their assistance please contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements.*** I will also be developing formal documents to track the group's progress, process and outcomes in support of further funding in the future. If you have any suggestions for communication within the group or need information or resources related to Q.E.O.L., please do not hesitate to contact me at Elise.Matthews@usask.ca. ❖

Q.E.O.L. Grant Development Funds

This is a reminder to the members regarding the process of applying for grant development funds. Jan Baxter-Jones has developed a funding template form to be used when applying to the Q.E.O.L. Research Group for funds to assist in developing collaborative grant applications for Tri Council funding. As well, expenditure guidelines drawn up by V.P. Research for the Health Research groups are available. The template and guidelines were sent in an earlier e-mail. If you should have any queries, or would like to receive the template and guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact Jan Baxter-Jones at 306-966-1093 or jan.baxter-jones@usask.ca. ❖

If you have any suggestions or contributions for future newsletters, please contact Elise @ Elise.Matthews@usask.ca.