Words From Wendy

Welcome to the first issue of Q.E.O.L. for 2007! I am in the process of writing our research group’s one year progress report to SHRF. We have had the pleasure of adding new members to our group from a variety of disciplines. A wonderful addition has been the graduate students. Two major coming events for our group are the visits from 2 international experts in the field of end of life care research, Dr. Susan MacMillan (June) and Dr. Linda Burhansstipanov (September). They will be meeting with us to provide group and individual consultation on our research. It is a terrific opportunity to build our research capacity. The dates are in this newsletter so mark your calendars. Bring your questions and ideas.

Special Welcome

We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest full group members, Allison Schmidt who is a Masters in Gerontology Student at the University of Regina and Dr. Ulrich Teucher as a full group member. He is an assistant professor Department of Psychology.

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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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Visiting Scholars

Dr. Susan McMillan – June 7 & 8, 2007

We are very pleased that Dr. Susan McMillan, visiting scholar from the University of South Florida will be presenting a lecture on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 11:45 a.m. This lecture, focusing on symptom management and quality of life at the end of life, will be broadcast via TeleHealth. Dr. McMillan has been a professor in the College of Nursing at the University of South Florida since 1991. Her current research involves pain as well as coping interventions for caregivers of cancer patients. She has also worked with the hospices in Florida assessing hospice outcomes and how they can be improved. Please note that the date announced in the December newsletter has been changed for this event. In order for the QEOL Research Group members to have time with Dr. McMillan, there is a brunch meeting planned at 10:00 a.m. as well as lunch and discussion time at 1:00 p.m. after the TeleHealth lecture. There are some sessions available for individual researchers and graduate students to meet with Dr. McMillan on the morning of June 8, 2007. Please RSVP by June 1, 2007 for this event using the form on this page. A poster announcing her Telehealth presentation is attached. Please post this in your department for other people to see.

Dr. Linda Burhansstipanov – September 19 & 20, 2007

On September 19 & 20, 2007 we are looking forward to a visiting scholar from Colorado, Dr. Linda Burhansstipanov to present a lecture on lessons learned from community-based participatory research with aboriginal populations. Dr. Burhansstipanov is one of the Western Cherokee Tribe and is Director of Native American Cancer Initiatives, Inc. of Pine, Colorado since 1993. Prior to 1993 she was the program director of the Native American Cancer Research Program for the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. She is actively involved with Native American health and wellness endeavors nationwide and serves on numerous national and local advisory boards and committees to promote research and programmatic efforts to assist Native People in obtaining higher levels of health. She has developed a Native American Palliative Care Curriculum. She was among ten individuals honored as a leader in the fight against breast cancer by Avon and the National Association of Breast Cancer Organizations. Please check your upcoming newsletters for more information.

RSVP for Visiting Scholar Dr. S. McMillan
Q.E.O.L. Members: Please RSVP your attendance by June 1, 2007 to doreen.stumborg@usask.ca or call 966-1417.

Thursday, June 7, 2007 with Visiting Scholar Dr. Susan McMillan TeleHealth Lecture at Saskatoon City Hospital Auditorium at 11:45 am

Your Name
_____________________________________

10:00 am Brunch, City Hospital Cafeteria Side Room
I will attend ____  Will not attend ____

1:00 pm Lunch, City Hospital Cafeteria Side Room
I will attend ____  Will not attend ____

Dietary Restrictions?
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Friday, June 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Room 439 Ellis Hall - Individual Sessions with Visiting Scholar Dr. Susan McMillan

I would like a session Yes ____ No ___
Time preference (between 9 and 11 am) _______

If you have an abstract you would like to discuss with Dr. McMillan please send to Doreen.stumborg@usask.ca
**Mark Your Calendars**

**JUNE 7, 2007**
Visiting Scholar Dr. Susan MacMillan will be here to discuss with us what is new in end of life care research, issues in conducting research, international research and ethnic/cultural research issues.

**SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2007**
Visiting Scholar Dr. Linda Burhanstipanov will be here to discuss lessons learned from community-based participatory research with aboriginal populations. More information will be in newsletters.

**Congratulations**

☞ Congratulations to Allison Schmidt (U of R), Kelly Penz (U of S), Alana Ferguson (U of S) and Meredith Burles (U of S). They will receive $1000 for research training to build capacity in quality end of life care research. All of these students are involved in research at the end of life.

**Important Information**

☞ Unfortunately Elise Matthews is no longer able to work as our research coordinator. We wish her all the best with her studies. Doreen Stumborg is the new research coordinator for all the research groups and she will be coordinating the visiting scholars and retreats for us.

☞ Jan Baxter-Jones has agreed to help the group as well when she returns from Australia.

**Knowledge Translation Bibliography**

**General Health**


Knowledge Translation Bibliography continued…


Quality End of Life Issues


Research Assistant Needed

Part-time Position
April to September 2007

This research position is funded by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation. The project is designed to develop a questionnaire assessment for children and teenagers who are on Palliative Care.

**Duties:** Collating data, coordinating research work, and developing framework for a research grant proposal application.

**Qualifications:** Desirable qualifications include effective organization, communication skills, experience and skill in writing and data entry; some experience in research (e.g., honours thesis or lab courses).

**Term & Salary:** April 1 through September 30, 2007, with possible extension beyond that time period. Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Over a 6-month period, 60 to 80 hours of work is available at a payment range of $12 - $17 per hour.

Please submit an application in writing to the undersigned, consisting of a single package containing: a cover letter explaining your interest in this position and highlighting your experience and any questions; a résumé including telephone and e-mail contact information; a transcript of University marks; and contact information for three references, by March 30, 2007.

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