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# Prairie CRISM Node *News and Notes*

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## Prairie Node is Active

The Prairie Node is active, with the recent arrival of the Research Manager (Denise Adams) and the setting up of our office space.

### **Please contact us by mail at :**

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## Node Support Available

As stated in our application to CIHR, the objectives of the Prairie CRISM Node are to (1) create effective and trusting collaborative working relationships among our affiliates, and (2) develop accessible resources for substance misuse interventions that are of value to researchers, service providers, and consumer advocates across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

To that end, the CRISM Prairie Node will consider ad-hoc requests from Node Members (Investigators and Knowledge Users) to provide one-time funding up to \$15,000 to support combined research and knowledge exchange activities in the area of substance misuse interventions.

Please submit application by email to Denise Adams at [denise.adams@ualberta.ca](mailto:denise.adams@ualberta.ca)

The application form can be accessed here:

[Click here for application](#)

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## Update on National CRISM Study

One of CIHR's requirements for the network to complete at least one National-level study involving all regional CRISM Nodes. Over the summer, we were informed that CIHR is planning to release a further \$4M of operational funds to the CRISM network (approximately \$1M per Node) in order to conduct such a National study. Access to these funds will require an application to CIHR, which is due October 1.

The CRISM Nominated Principal Investigators from the four nodes determined that a National pragmatic trial assessing treatment models for prescription opioid misuse has the best likelihood of making an impact on the target population, and of influencing treatment services and policy in this area. The NPIs compiled the first draft of the proposal in August and have continued to meet regularly to update the

proposal based on node member feedback. It is expected that the Prairie Node will conduct the study in 3 sites (one per member province) and we are in the process of identifying potential sites.

If you are interested in contributing to this study, or can recommend key sites or people in our Node who should be involved, please send an email to [denise.adams@ualberta.ca](mailto:denise.adams@ualberta.ca) with a copy to [cam.wild@ualberta.ca](mailto:cam.wild@ualberta.ca). We will follow up with you as part of the process of organizing our Node's participation in this National project.

A draft version of the National study proposal is available here.

[Click here for current version of the protocol](#)

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## First Joint Meeting of Regional Coordinating Committee and Regional Advisory Panel Sept 11, 2015

The CRISM Prairie Node has several advisory boards, including the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) and Regional Advisory Panel (RAP).

The RCC will set strategic direction (with respect to research priorities and opportunities for collaboration across the CRISM network), resource allocation and staffing for the Prairie Node, and will provide strategic oversight of initiatives to secure complementary funding. The RCC will include the 3 PIs (Wild, Hodgins, Dell), the Principle Knowledge User and the Principal Consumer Advocate.

The RAP serves to facilitate information exchange between strategic decision-making in each Province and strategic planning for Node activities and inform decisions made by the RCC. The RAP includes senior executives occupying key strategic positions within Prairie substance misuse service systems along with a representative from the Nechi Institute and is overseen by the CIHR Investigator Group.

For those of you who are interested, the meeting notes are available here.

[Click here for meeting notes](#)

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## Prairie Node CIHR Investigator Group

The picture below was taken at a meeting held in Toronto on May 29, 2015, where representatives from the Prairie Node (left to right: Colleen Dell [Principal Investigator], David Hodgins [Principal Investigator], Stacey Petersen [Principal Consumer Representative], Allan Aubry [Principal Knowledge User], and Cam Wild [Principal Investigator]) met with CIHR and members of the BC, Ontario, and Quebec/Maritimes CRISM Nodes.



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## Questions? Comments?

News and Notes is a way to keep informed about Prairie CRISM Node developments. Email us anytime if you would like to discuss Node activities or want additional information. Please send to

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