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News and Notes

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CRISM is a national network dedicated to translating substance misuse intervention research results into practice and policy.



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Further CRISM research on opioids endorsed by CIHR

Our sincere thanks to everyone who responded in April to our request for quick input on opioid-related research priorities via conference call and our online survey. Your priorities were reviewed and were combined with those obtained by the other CRISM Nodes in parallel consultations, and the [attached concept proposal](#) was produced. The proposal was submitted to CIHR and Health Canada, and we are pleased to announce that CIHR's Science Council recently approved a directed grant in the amount of \$7.5M to CRISM for further work on opioids, under the Emerging Health Threats funding program.

CIHR is developing a RFA for CRISM to apply for this new directed funding. Details (e.g., scope, timing) are being negotiated, but early indications are that CIHR is open to a programmatic series of studies rather than a single national trial. Our goal is to ensure that Prairie Node priorities are supported. Further consultation processes will be arranged over the summer - stay tuned!

Cannabis Legalization in Canada forum a great success!



Congratulations to Dr. Rebecca Haines-Saah (Prairie Node Member) who organized this highly successful event, held in Calgary on May 5! Over 300 people joined the public forum and discussion focused on cannabis legalization and public health policies at the University of Calgary's Downtown Campus. Over 100 people viewed the event online.

The Prairie Node was pleased to provide funding to support this event using our [Node activity funding support program](#). The event brought together some of Alberta's leaders in substance use and public health research, people with lived experience, and service providers to learn from U.S. and Canadian policy experts about experiences of legalization from other jurisdictions.

To access presentation materials and the event's photo gallery please visit the [O'Brien Institute for Public Health website](#).

Funding Announcement: CIHR Catalyst Grants on Cannabis

Population Health Intervention Research Related to the Legalization and Regulation of
Non-Medical Cannabis in Canada



CIHR's Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH), along with CIHR's Institutes of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH), Gender and Health (IGH), Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA), and Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR), is pleased to announce the launch of a **Catalyst Grant focusing on the impact of legalization and regulation of non-medical cannabis in Canada.**

Given the potential health and social implications of legalization and regulation, this funding opportunity will catalyze future population health intervention research involving new cannabis legalization in Canada (i.e., the legalization and regulation of non-medical cannabis is the intervention to be studied). This initiative and the research supported will serve as an initial step in laying the foundation for future studies on the impact of cannabis legalization in Canada. **The total amount available for this opportunity is currently \$1 million over one year, enough to fund 10 grants of up to \$100,000 each for up to 1 year.**

The deadline for full applications is **August 22 2017**. For further information please visit the **CIHR website**. Please contact us if you would like to discuss Node involvement in an application.

AHS Addiction and Mental Health, Edmonton Zone Education Series 2017

The Alberta Health Services (AHS) Addiction and Mental Health, Edmonton Zone (AMH) Education Series 2017 Summer Course Catalogue and Registration information is now available! All of these addiction and mental health education courses are free, and scheduled throughout the summer months, but you must pre-register and bring your own lunch.

Please follow the registration instructions detailed in the **attached document**. For more information please call [780-644-3642](tel:780-644-3642) or email prevention.edmonton@albertahealthservices.ca

CRISM at CCSA Conference in November 2017



Two CRISM Network presentations are scheduled for the **CCSA Issues of Substance** conference November 13-15 2017. A poster presentation sharing the **OPTIMA** trial work to date, and an oral presentation addressing National Opioid Use Disorder Treatment will be shared.

Please stay tuned to the program details as they are made available for specific dates and times. We look forward to seeing you there!

AUDEAMUS Project: Training Underway



CRISM Prairies Co-PI, Dr. Colleen Dell and partners (pictured above), are working alongside AUDEAMUS Inc., trainers to develop an evaluation model for their program with veterans who are addicted to opioids and to continue expanding ongoing research regarding the multiple applications for Animal Assisted Therapies, including application to substance misuse.

AUDEAMUS is a bilingual, injured veteran-run not for profit organization dedicated to the principle of providing highly skilled and effective Certified service dogs to persons traumatized in the line of duty (PTLD) and whose quality of life depend on them. AUDEAMUS is the Latin word for "May we Dare", and speaks to the philosophy behind the program - "May we dare to get better, May we dare to get out of isolation, May we dare to ask for help".

To learn more about Dr. Dell's research program please visit her [website](#) and to learn more about the AUDEAMUS program directly you can visit their [website](#) anytime.

Database of Mental Health Resources: Public Health Agency of Canada



The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) contributes to promoting the mental health of Canadians in collaboration with key mental health partners and stakeholders. As such, PHAC is pleased to share with you the **attached summary of resources** compiled from Canadian, national level organizations with a mental health or Indigenous health mandate.

This document is part of a collection produced by the six National Collaborating Centres (NCC) for Public Health to encourage positive mental health promotion for children and youth within a strong, integrated public health practice. The collection provides numerous entry points for the public health sector to collaborate with other stakeholders to support evidence-based action that addresses the determinants of mental well-being for all children and youth in Canada.

For further information about the National Collaborating Centres for Public Health please visit the **Public Health Agency of Canada website**.

Prevention Matters 2017 Conference

October 4-6 2017



Prevention Matters 2017 will provide opportunities to explore prevention efforts to support the health of Saskatchewan children. The conference will focus on four streams: public health; child maltreatment; maternal and infant health; resources and skill development for individuals who work directly with families (mothers, fathers, and other caregivers) and children.

Speaker bios, session descriptions, and registration details are available by visiting

<http://skprevention.ca/prevention-matters-conferences-2017/>

From previous issues... in case you missed it!

Run To Quit - Spring Training Starts Soon



Run to Quit helps smokers quit smoking by learning to walk or run 5 km! Run to Quit is a partnership between Canadian Cancer Society and Running Room Inc with funding by Public Health Agency of Canada.

The program is for all fitness levels and the step by step approach makes it easier to quit smoking by being more active. Run to Quit is being studied by researchers from the University of British Columbia for its potential as a chronic disease prevention program. All program participants are encouraged to provide information and feedback to help make the research project successful.

There are two ways to participate: You can Do it Yourself or get extra support by joining a Run to Quit Training Program.

Spring Training Sessions are starting shortly - please visit the Run to Quit [website](#) for more information about the program or to join a training group near you!

National Research Agenda on the Health Impacts of Non-Medical Cannabis Use



On October 18-19, 2016 the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) hosted a meeting to start developing a national research agenda on the health impacts of the non-medical use of cannabis. The meeting brought together close to 50 experts and stakeholders representing a wide range of perspectives to identify knowledge and research gaps, identify existing data sources, prioritize opportunities for research on the health effects, and discuss steps for moving forward with a research agenda.

The work of this group is summarized in the report "National Research Agenda on the Health Impacts of

Non-Medical Cannabis Use" and is available for download by visiting the [CCSA website](#) or you can download a pdf of the report [here](#).

CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting Save the Date



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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

November 16-17 Calgary AB

Following a poll of CRISM Prairie Node members our annual meeting will take place in Calgary AB on November 16 & 17 2017!

Please save the dates and stay tuned for more details!

SK MH&A Action Plan Newsletter Launches

Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan Newsletter

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to improving the way it responds to mental health and addictions issues, and endorses the 10-year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan. Together, with partner ministries Social Services, Education and Justice (Corrections and Policing), the Ministry of Health is leading the development and implementation of an inter-ministerial improvement plan.

To find more information about progress on the improvement plan and learn about improvement activities already underway, read the first issue of the [Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan newsletter](#) or visit the Government of Saskatchewan [website](#).

Cognition - Addiction & Mental Health Event Listings

Cognition provides Addiction and Mental Health event listings and is brought to you by the educators in Alberta Health Services, Addiction & Mental Health, Edmonton Zone. Check out the pdf file of [event listings](#) for exciting happenings in your region.

AHS Addiction and Mental Health eLearning

Alberta Health Services offers a Concurrent Disorders Learning Series that is free to view on YouTube. The series presents two feature episodes each month and broadcast a lecture-style presentation from subject matter experts. CRISM members from across the country have spoken in this series, including:

- **Julie Bruneau**
- **Ron Lim**
- **Keith Ahamad**
- **Didier Jutras-Aswad**
- **Nady el-Guebaly**
- **Sherry Stewart**

Note that this is an unlisted playlist. YouTube clips will not appear in search results, but you can view the playlist by following this [link](#). For more information about the Concurrent Disorders Learning Series, visit the [AHS website](#).

News for the node?

Is there an event happening that we should know about? Do you have information to share in the region? Please send your ideas and information to [Denise](#) or [Barb](#) anytime!

Questions? Comments? Contact us!

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