



# 2017 PHABC Annual Conference

## Public Health Association of BC

**Facing a Changing World: Transformative Leadership and Practice**

**November 16-17, 2017 Sutton Place Hotel 845 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2K6**

There are four topic areas being presented in the upcoming PHABC's annual conference. Within these topics there will be examples of transformative leadership and practice, collaboration and community engagement, and impactful innovative solutions.

### Topics

- Child and Youth Development
- Immigrant Health
- Indigenous Health
- Planetary Health-Healthy Built Environment



Online Registration is now open at <https://phabc.org/2017-phabc-conference-registration/>

PHABC is also hosting a public forum November 15, 6:30-9 pm at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 685 West Hastings, Vancouver, BC. Dr. Trevor Hancock a public health physician and health promotion consultant will be speaking as well as Catherine Ludgate, a Community Investment Manager at Vancity and an advocate for progressive social change, with a keen interest in co-op economics and microfinance. More information can be found at <https://phabc.org/event/phabcs-public-forum/>

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### *General Information*

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#### Registration Desk

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Registration desk is located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor main foyer beside the elevators. Same day Registration will be available on site, we will accept payments via credit card or cheque.

#### Badge Identification

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Badges will be provided at the registration desk and allow admission to all conference sessions and events. Badges must be worn at all times.

#### Cell Phones

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All cell phones must be turned on silent upon entering session rooms.

#### Breakfast, Lunch & Refreshments

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There will be a buffet breakfast and lunch available each morning from 7:30-8:30am and 12:00-1:00pm, respectively. The buffet is located in Lafite Foyer and attendees are welcome to dine in Le Versailles.

Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and light snacks are available during both morning wellness breaks, from 10:00-10:30am and the afternoon wellness break on day two, from 3:30-4:00pm.

Appetizers will be served during the Networking Social Event on November 16th from 3:00-5:00pm and there will be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

Lemon water and Cucumber water will be available throughout both days.

#### Social Media

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Tweet, post and share your conference experience by using **#PHABC17** and don't forget to follow us!

Fb: @PublicHealthAssociationBC

Twitter: @PHA\_BC

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#### Wi-fi Access

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Conference delegates have access to free wi-fi for the duration of the conference, log in information is below

Username: **Sutton Meetings**

Password: **vancouver5511**

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### The Sutton Place Hotel

845 Burrard Street  
Vancouver, BC  
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#### Entrance

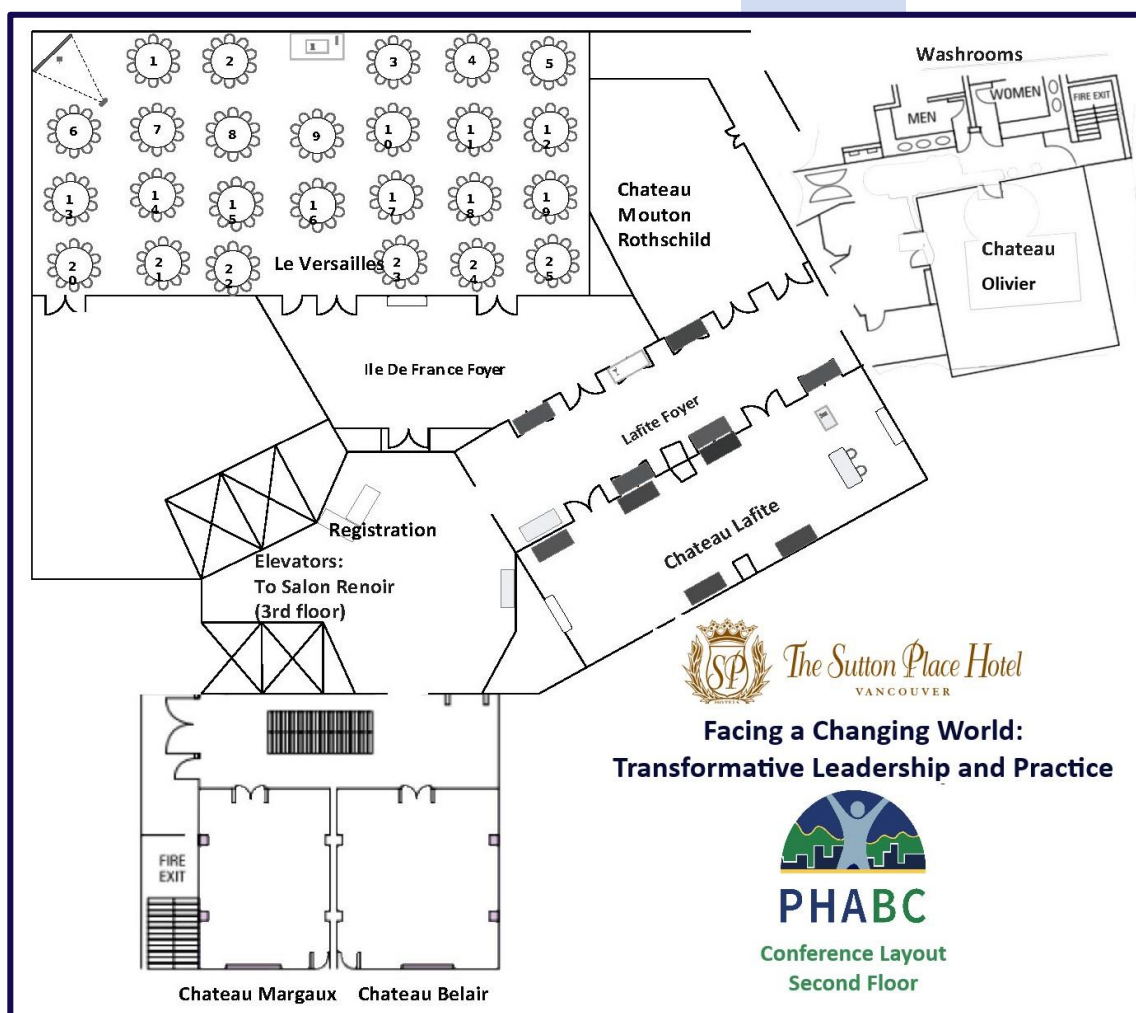
Enter through the main lobby and proceed to the second floor via the elevators or stairs to the right of the front desk and on either side of the concierge

#### Washrooms

Located to the right of the elevators on the first floor, across the hall from Chateau Olivier on the second floor and across from Salon Renoir on the third floor

#### Breakout Rooms & Banquet Hall

All plenary sessions and the AGM will be held in Le Versailles. Exhibitor booths and the networking event will happen in Chateau Lafite. Oral presentations and workshops are located in Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Belair and Chateau Margaux on the second floor and Salon Renoir on the third floor. The poster session will take place in Chateau Olivier.





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Program at a Glance

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:30am - 5:00pm

7:30am – 8:30am	Registration
Lafite Foyer & Château Versailles	
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast
Château Versailles	
8:30am- 9:05am	Aboriginal Welcome & Opening Plenary: Transformative Leadership & Practice Latash - Maurice Nahanee (Squamish First Nation) & Paul Pallan (Conference Co-Chair)
9:05am- 10:00am	<i>Honorary Dr. John Blatherwick Lecture</i> Transformative Leadership in Child and Youth Health Dr. Gordon Miller, Dr. Gordie Hogg, Ashley Frerichs <b>Moderator:</b> Shannon Turner (PHABC)
10:00am- 10:30am	Wellness & Coffee Break
10:30am- 11:00am	Using a Social Determinants of Health Framework to Examine the Health of Canadian Immigrants Dr. Karen Kobayashi <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Veronica Fynn Bruey
11:00am- 12:00pm	The Opioid Crisis in BC: Panel Dr. Paul Hasselback (MHO Island Health), Dr. Sandra Allison (CMHO Northern Health), Dr. Aamir Bharmal (MHO Fraser Health), Dr. John Carsley (MHO Vancouver Coastal Health – retired) <b>Moderator:</b> Dan Reist (CARBC)
Lafite Foyer & Château Versailles	
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Lunch Annual General Meeting

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1:30pm-1:55pm	<b>Lauren Mathany</b>  Improving equitable participation of peers in harm reduction	<b>Breezie Mitchell, Erin Balmer</b>  Live 5-2-1-0 Community of Practice in Surrey: A Practical Model	<b>Deljit Bains, Rachel Douglas, Denise Withers</b>  The South Asian Health Institute's Sehat Program: A client-centered innovation lab designed to create a community-based wellness network	<b>Sympascho Young</b>  Increasing access to naloxone during a public health emergency: a mix-methods evaluation of the BC THN program ramp up
2:00pm-3:30pm	Château Mouton Rothschild	Château Margaux	Château Belair	Salon Renoir
	<b>Flu Shot Clinic</b>	<b>Mara Andrews, Dr. Mike Dumont, Coreen Paul, Candice Sparkes, Dr. Raymond Chaboyer</b>  Primary Care from an Indigenous Perspective – An exciting new development to integrate Primary Care, Public Health and indigenous perspectives to serve a complex population	<b>Dr Elizabeth Hartney, Jenn Smith, Asma-na-hi Antoine</b>  Leading Transformational Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples in Public Health and Education	<b>Dr. Bernie Pauly, Sana Shahram, Dr. Marjorie MacDonald</b>  Transforming Health Systems Towards Health Equity
Château Lafite				
3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Networking Event &amp; Exhibitor Booths</b> <b>Health Promotion in Canada, fourth edition Book Release</b>			



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**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:30am - 4:30pm**

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Lafite Foyer & Château Versailles				
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast			
Château Versailles				
8:30am-8:45am	Aboriginal Welcome & Opening Plenary Elder Roberta Price (Snueymuxw & Cowichan First Nations) & Brittany Bingham (Conference Co-Chair)			
8:45am-10:00am	Indigenous Health and Transformative Leadership & Practice Dr. Shannon Waters, Brad Marsden, Deborah Schwartz Moderator: Brittany Bingham			
10:00am-10:30am	Wellness & Coffee Break			
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Lafite Foyer & Château Versailles				
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch			
Château Olivier				
12:00pm-1:00pm	Poster Sessions			
Château Versailles				
1:00pm-2:00pm	Creating Healthy Communities in the Age of the Anthropocene Dr. Trevor Hancock			
2:00pm-3:30pm	Château Mouton Rothschild	Château Margaux	Château Belair	Salon Renoir
	Shannon Clarke, Dr. Victoria Barr	Dr. Irving Rootman, Paola Ardiles, Dr. Trevor Hancock, Ann Pederson	Joanne Schroeder, Pippa Rowcliffe	Richard Han, Sam Gambling, Aaren Topley, Marc Schutzbank, Vanessa Lam
	Building Healthy Communities in the Age of the Anthropocene - Ideas and Tools for Practice	Transformative Leadership in Heath Promotion: Reflections of Transformative Leaders	Social and Emotional Learning as A Core to Systems Leadership	Growing Healthy School Environments: Nourishing Young Minds and Bodies
3:30pm-4:00pm	Wellness & Coffee Break			
Château Versailles				
4:00pm-4:30pm	Closing Plenary			





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## *Think Piece*

### *Facing a Changing World: Transformative Leadership and Practice*

In its ideal form, transformational leadership and practice creates valuable and positive change within individuals and social systems.<sup>1</sup>

Transformative practice derives from the theories of transformational leadership. Transformative practice is the applied model which uses the facets of the former to create a bottom-up system where communication is facilitated between team members and team leads in order to build strong, and aligned personal and group goals.<sup>2</sup>

A key function of transformational leadership and practice is to provide an empowering system that encourages group members to take initiative, innovate and transform into leaders themselves.

Within the conference we are going to be applying transformational leadership and practice within a public health model by hybridizing the facets of transformational leadership with the components of a collective impact framework.



### **OBJECTIVES of PHABC's Conference**

*By the end of the conference, delegates will be able to:*

- Define transformational leadership and practice
- Consider new opportunities to meet the changing public health needs within communities
- Examine ways to achieve a shared goal of population health improvement
- Examine innovative solutions

*There will be four main topic areas being presented at this year's conference. Within these topics there will be examples of transformative leadership and practice, collaboration and community engagement, and impactful innovative solutions.*

### **TOPICS**

- Child and Youth Health
- Immigrant Health
- Indigenous Health
- Planetary Health – Healthy Built Environments

*Transformative leadership and practice extends beyond these four topics. Examples of it in other aspects of public health will be presented as well.*

Transformative leadership and practice involves:

- Initiating change in organizational groups, oneself and others
- Motivating others to be more than they originally intended and/or thought possible
- Meaningful and authentic collaboration
- Empowerment
- Enhancing commitment and satisfaction

**How would you use the above aspects of transformative leadership and practice to address public health goals in your setting/environment?**

<sup>1</sup> MacGregor Burns, J. Transforming Leadership: A New Pursuit of Happiness. 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Lehmann-Willenbrock NK, Meinecke AL, Rowold J, Kauffeld S. How transformational leadership works during team interactions: A behavioral process analysis. The Leadership Quarterly. 2015; 26(6):1017-33.

## Transformative Leadership & Practice Using a Collective impact Framework

In this fast changing world examples of transformational leadership and practice within a collective impact framework are often linked to social innovations offering relevant solutions.



*A collective impact framework describes the components necessary to create successful change in a community. First, the community must identify the need for a change in an effort to reform and improve existing systems, and then it must explore different approaches to reach a desired goal based on shared community values. Inclusive community engagement ensures that a broad spectrum of persons are invested as stakeholders in the success of the program. While the initial need for change and program plan are community-driven initiatives, it is pertinent for the execution of the plan that capable leaders exist within the community and are able to drive the plan forward. A transformational leadership and practice approach can support a viable process and encourage participants to reach a common goal via means of various different pathways and through a variety of available skill sets. Perseverance for long-term, sustainable goals is achievable through strategic learning and evaluation that focuses on the big-picture instead of on immediate goals.<sup>3</sup>*

In transformative practice, leaders function less as managers and more as mediators of a team. The main role of leaders as mediators is to define an objective, to suggest partial solutions, to engage and encourage team members to participate, and to convey confidence regarding the team's success. This type of solution-focused communication improves interactions within the team and promotes functional problem-solving. Furthermore, transformative practices are seen to reduce counterproductive behaviours within a team, such as negative criticisms, off-topic discussion, and complaints.

This year's conference will bring together individuals involved in the delivery of public health activities and experts in to examine the role of public health with respect to *transformational leadership and practice*.



The PHABC annual conference is a valuable opportunity for concerned and motivated practitioners from across a range of disciplines and locations across the province to come together to learn from and with each other, with the support of leading thinkers and innovators. The results include increased knowledge and competencies in this cutting edge issue of interest and importance to public health in BC, familiarity with practical tools and strategies and renewed enthusiasm for tackling the pressing issues that the future is fast imposing on us.

For more information about registration please contact [staff@phabc.org](mailto:staff@phabc.org)

Transformative Leadership and Practice can unlock "what is" into "what can be"

<sup>3</sup> Walzer N, Weaver L, McGuire C. Collective impact approaches and community development issues. Community Development. 2016; 47(2):156-66.

## Presentation Schedule

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Oral Presentations

### Chateau Mouton Rothschild

1:00 - 1:25pm	Interventions and programs that support the health and development of infants with prenatal alcohol and/or drug exposure in foster care: A scoping review <b>Lindsay Shaw</b> - <i>Research Assistant, Centre for Addictions Research of BC, UVic</i>
1:30 - 1:55pm	Improving equitable participation of peers in harm reduction <b>Lauren Mathany</b> - <i>Public Health Manager, BC Centre for Disease Control</i>

### Chateau Margaux

1:00 - 1:25pm	From Surviving to Thriving: Young people's and inter-sectoral partner feedback on a critical health literacy pilot project for young people <b>Shari Laliberte</b> - <i>Faculty member, School of Health Sciences, Vancouver Community College</i> <b>Astha Agarwal</b> - <i>Research Participant - Check Your Head</i> <b>Nelly Gomez</b> - <i>Former Graduation Strategy Manager-research participant, Our Place</i>
1:30 - 1:55pm	Live 5-2-1-0 Community of Practice in Surrey: A Practical Model <b>Breezie Mitchell</b> - <i>Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health</i> <b>Erin Balmer</b> - <i>Community Services Coordinator, City of Surrey</i>

### Chateau Belair

1:00 - 1:25pm	Experiences of work among immigrants in Canada <b>Dr. Vamini Selvanandan</b> - <i>Physician, MPH Student, University of Alberta</i>
1:30 - 1:55pm	The South Asian Health Institute's Sehat Program: A client-centered innovation lab designed to create a community-based wellness network <b>Deljit Bains</b> - <i>Leader, South Asian Health Institute, Fraser Health</i> <b>Rachel Douglas</b> - <i>Evaluation Specialist, Fraser Health</i> <b>Denise Withers</b> - <i>Independent Contractor</i>

### Salon Renoir

1:00 - 1:25pm	Supporting Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Patients & Families through a Cultural Humility Approach <b>Meredith de Freitas</b> - <i>Project Manager, Health Literacy, BC Children's Hospital</i> <b>Lana Sullivan</b> - <i>Project Manager, Population Health Promotion, BC Women's Hospital &amp; Health Centre</i>
1:30 - 1:55pm	Increasing access to naloxone during a public health emergency: a mix-methods evaluation of the BC THN program ramp up <b>Sympascho Young</b> - <i>Medical Student, University of British Columbia</i>

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11:00am-11:25am	<b>Connecting Land and Health through Community Health Nursing</b> <b>Alysha Jones</b> - <i>Community Health Nurse, Nuw-chah-nulth Tribal Council</i>
11:30am-11:55am	<b>Overdose Prevention and Education Network (OPEN) Project</b> <b>Rebecca Zappelli</b> - <i>Secretariat Director, Community Action Initiative</i>
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11:00am-11:25am	<b>Harm reduction and activism for people who use drugs</b> <b>Ehsan Jozaghi</b> – <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Population &amp; Public Health, UBC</i> <b>Hugh Lampkin</b> - <i>Board member, Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users</i> <b>Dr. Alexis Crabtree</b> - <i>Resident physician -Public Health &amp; Preventive Medicine, SPPH, UBC</i>
11:30am-11:55am	<b>The Evolution of Health Equity Understandings and Action in British Columbia: A Qualitative Secondary Analysis</b> <b>Dr. Marjorie MacDonald</b> - <i>Professor- Nursing, University of Victoria</i> <b>Dr. Bernie Pauly</b> - <i>Professor – Nursing, Scientist – Centre for Addiction Research of BC, UVic</i> <b>Dr. Trevor Hancock</b> – <i>Professor &amp; Senior Scholar, Public Health &amp; Social Policy, UVic</i> <b>Warren O'Briain</b> - <i>Executive Director, BC Ministry of Health</i>

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11:00am-11:25am	<p>Preparing to Parent in British Columbia: A Profile of Participants in the BC Healthy Connections Project outcomes</p> <p><b>Rosemary Lever</b> - Research Manager, BC Healthy Connections Project, Simon Fraser University  <b>Dr. Nicole Catherine</b> - University Research Associate, Simon Fraser University  <b>Patricia Wallis</b> - Data Coordinator, BC Healthy Connections Project, Simon Fraser University</p>
11:30am-11:55am	<p>Using data standards and web technology to influence public health</p> <p><b>Mack Hardy</b> – Chief Executive Officer, Affinity Bridge Consulting</p>
Salon Renoir	
10:30am-10:55am	<p>I Boost Immunity and Kids Boost Immunity</p> <p><b>Ian Roe</b> - Content Strategist, BC Centre for Disease Control &amp; I Boost Immunity</p>
11:00am-11:25am	<p>Integrating urban health and community resilience into urban development research and discourse in frontier contexts: a case study of metropolitan Lagos</p> <p><b>Dr. Ebele Mogo</b> - Principal/Doctor of Public Health, ERIM Consulting</p>
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Workshops

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Chateau Mouton Rothschild	Flu Shot Clinic
Chateau Margaux	<p>Primary Care from an Indigenous Perspective – An exciting new development to integrate Primary Care, Public Health and indigenous perspectives to serve a complex population</p> <p><b>Mara Andrews</b> – Director, Kahui Tautoko Consulting  <b>Dr. Mike Dumont</b> – Physician, Musqueam Indian Band  <b>Coreen Paul</b> – Health Director, Musqueam Indian Band  <b>Candice Sparkes</b> – Health Administrator, Musqueam Indian Band  <b>Dr. Raymond Chaboyer</b> – Physician, Raymond Chaboyer Clinic</p>
Chateau Belair	<p>Leading Transformational Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples in Public Health and Education</p> <p><b>Dr Elizabeth Hartney</b> – Professor &amp; Director, Leadership Studies (Health), RRU  <b>Asma-na-hi Antoine</b> – Manager, Indigenous Education, Royal Roads University  <b>Jenn Smith</b> – Associate Professor, Business, Humanitarian Studies, Environment &amp; Sustainability, RRU</p>
Salon Renoir	<p>Transforming Health Systems Towards Health Equity</p> <p><b>Dr. Bernie Pauly</b> - Professor – Nursing, Scientist – Centre for Addiction Research of BC, UVic  <b>Sana Shahram</b> - Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Victoria  <b>Dr. Marjorie MacDonald</b> - Professor- Nursing, University of Victoria</p>

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2:00pm – 3:30pm

Chateau Mouton Rothschild	<p>Building Healthy Communities in the Age of the Anthropocene - Ideas and Tools for Practice</p> <p><b>Shannon Clarke</b> - Community Facilitator, BC Healthy Communities Society  <b>Dr. Victoria Barr</b> - Program Manager, BC Healthy Communities Society</p>
Chateau Margaux	<p>Transformative Leadership in Health Promotion: Reflections of Transformative Leaders</p> <p><b>Dr. Irving Rootman</b> - Adjunct Professor, University of Victoria  <b>Paola Ardiles</b> – Founder, Bridge for Health  <b>Dr. Trevor Hancock</b> - Professor &amp; Senior Scholar, Public Health &amp; Social Policy, UVic  <b>Dr. Ann Pederson</b> - Director, BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health</p>
Chateau Belair	<p>Social and Emotional Learning as A Core to Systems Leadership</p> <p><b>Joanne Schroeder</b> - Senior Policy Fellow, Human Early Learning Partnership  <b>Pippa Rowcliffe</b> - Deputy Director, Human Early Learning Partnership</p>
Salon Renoir	<p>Growing Healthy School Environments: Nourishing Young Minds and Bodies</p> <p><b>Richard Han</b> – Provincial Manager, Farm to School BC  <b>Sam Gambling</b> – Vancouver Animator, Farm to School BC  <b>Aaren Topley</b> – Capital Region Animator, Farm to School BC  <b>Adrienne de Candole</b> – Kamloops Animator, Farm to School BC  <b>Marc Schutzbank</b> – Director, Fresh Roots  <b>Vanessa Lam</b> - Public Health Dietitian, Vancouver Coastal Health</p>



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## Poster Session

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12:00pm – 1:00pm

### Chateau Olivier

Females are not moving up academic ranks amongst public health physician faculty

**Donna Lee** - *Post-graduate Medical Student, School of Population & Public Health, UBC*

Heart Rate Variability Pre-, During and Post Exercise Among Special Olympics Athletes

**Kearney Dover** - *Graduate Student, University of Victoria*

Growing Great Kids out of Homelessness: An Evaluation using Participatory Health Research

**Zahra Dhanji** - *Research Assistant, Collaborating Centre for Prison Health & Education, UBC*

**Faaria Samnani** - *Research Assistant, Collaborating Centre for Prison Health & Education, UBC*

Community-Led Health Care for Refugees and Immigrants

**Esther Hsieh** - *Co-Executive Director, Umbrella Multicultural Health Cooperative*

**Grace Dalgarno** - *Communications & Community Coordinator, UMHC*

Innovative approach to food safety training for Target Corporation

**Rob Mancini** - *Environmental Health Officer, Health Canada*

Knowledge Translation in the Response to the Opioid Overdose Crisis in BC

**Jennifer Lee** - *Practicum Student, BC Centre for Disease Control*

**Jane Buxton** - *Lead Epidemiologist, BC Centre for Disease Control*

Experiences in harm reduction services: the impact of providers' attitudes and stigma

**Dr. Bernie Pauly** - *Professor – Nursing, Scientist – Centre for Addiction Research of BC, UVic*

**Charlene Burmeister** - *Peer Research Assistant, BC Centre for Disease Control*

**Cheri Newman** - *Peer Research Assistant, BC Centre for Disease Control*

**Monica Coll** - *Peer Research Assistant, BC Centre for Disease Control*

**Paul Choisl** - *Peer Research Assistant, BC Centre for Disease Control*

Physical activity programs for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities: An innovative approach for child and family development

**Mojgan Gitimoghaddam** - *Graduate student, University of British Columbia*

**Michelle Chakraborti** - *Graduate student, University of British Columbia*



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### *Exhibitor Booths*

Please join us at the Networking Social Event, Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00pm where individuals will be on hand to discuss the transformative work their organizations have been doing for public health in BC and how you can get involved.



#### I Boost Immunity™ Program

I Boost Immunity™ (IBI) is a Canadian-based online grassroots immunization advocacy program, managed by the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC), and funded by the BC Ministry of Health. Our content strategist works at the BC Centre for Disease Control supporting I Boost Immunity and Immunize BC. Our goal is to educate and empower the people who are pro-vaccination by providing a safe platform to discuss ideas, fact based research, and the latest immunization news. I Boost Immunity is based on a simple idea: raising local awareness about immunization benefits you and your community. At the same time, we recognize that diseases cross local and national boundaries. It means that vaccinating anyone, anywhere in the world, benefits all of us. This is why we aim to educate our local communities, while simultaneously helping immunization efforts globally through UNICEF.

#### Farm to School BC



The Farm to School BC Network is a diverse and expanding provincial network that promotes, supports and links schools and communities working to bring healthy, local, just and sustainable food sourcing and food systems education into BC schools.

The Farm to School framework enriches the connection school communities have with their local food producers by working to change food purchasing and education practices in schools. Students gain access to healthy local food, as well as hands-on experiential learning opportunities that foster food literacy such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm/food system field trips.

Farm to School empowers students and school communities to make informed food choices while contributing to vibrant, sustainable regional food systems that supports the health of people, place and planet.

#### BC Population Health Network



The BC Population Health Network is a network of population health stakeholders from the health, research and allied sectors with a common interest of advancing the application of the population health approach to improve the health of the population in BC. Our goal is to improve the health of the population and reduce inequities in health status between populations by identifying and supporting the use of the population health approach in policies, strategies and interventions within and beyond the health care system.

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### BCCDC Foundation for Public Health

The mission of the BCCDC Foundation for Public Health is to protect and promote health, prevent harm, and prepare for threats by inspiring vision and philanthropy. We work in partnership with the BC Centre for Disease Control to foster the development of key partnerships and collaborations that will result in the advancement of public health in BC and beyond. Our vision is people living in healthy communities protected from infectious disease and environmental health hazards through innovative research and collaborative public health solutions.



### BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society

Formed in February 2003, the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society (BCAHL) is a group of organizations that came together with a mission to improve the health of British Columbians. Through leadership and collaborative action, BCAHL advances health promoting policies, programs and environments that support the physical and mental well-being of British Columbians. On June 1, 2017, the alliance was incorporated as a society and our name changed to the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society. Collectively, BCAHL members capture the attention of over 40,000 volunteers, 4,300 health and recreation professionals and 184 local governments across British Columbia. As an advocacy group, we work with government and hold them accountable to promote wellness and prevent chronic disease.



### BC Healthy Communities Society

BC Healthy Communities Society (BCHC) is a province-wide not-for-profit organization that facilitates the ongoing development of healthy, thriving and resilient communities. The organization's mission is to promote the Healthy Communities Approach, offering a shared platform for dialogue, collaboration, learning and action. We provide a range of programs, services, planning processes, events and resources to support communities, local governments, health authorities and multi-sectoral groups to collaborate around a shared vision for a common purpose.



### Health Promotion BC Network

The Health Promotion BC Network is an informal community of practice that has been established to strengthen relationships between everyone in British Columbia doing health promotion work, and to actively support the work of Health Promotion Canada, a national non-profit organization exclusively devoted to advancing the practice of health promotion in Canada. Members of the Health Promotion BC Network share information using the LinkedIn Groups platform, posting interesting links, asking for help and sharing ideas. Members receive monthly updates about what has been happening around BC, and the Network is always looking for volunteers to help plan and deliver professional development activities (webinars, in-person meetings etc.).

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### Bridge for Health

Bridge for Health is a start-up cooperative committed to social innovation to improve health and wellbeing and was originally founded in 2013 as local Vancouver-based volunteer network to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing and action to promote citizen engagement in health. Bridge for Health is part of a global conversation about how psycho-social, spiritual, economic, political and environmental dimensions are impacting our health. The network quickly evolved into an incubator of social innovation in health, reaching people across Canada and abroad, through community and networking events, IDEA LABs, research projects and social media campaigns.



### BC Health Literacy Networks

The British Columbia Health Literacy Networks, hosted by the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC), was established in 2011 following two Roundtables on health literacy organized by a multi-sectoral planning committee of people and organizations interested in the issue. It was established to pursue the following three goals articulated in a Strategy paper developed by the planning committee:

The BC population has increased skills to better access, understand, communicate and evaluate health information in order to make informed decisions about their health.

The BC Health system has structures and expertise to support members of the public with different levels of health literacy.

Stakeholders from different fields and sectors are working collaboratively in an innovative and articulated manner.

In order to pursue these goals, a number of networks and organizations from various sectors committed to health literacy agreed to a structure consisting of a Steering Committee of representatives from the various types of networks and organizations interested in health literacy, as well as the broader Network consisting of members from all of the networks and organizations. Since the establishment of this structure, the Steering Committee, hosted by the Public Health Association of B.C. (PHABC), has met almost monthly to keep abreast of developments related to health literacy in British Columbia (and elsewhere) and to organize a number of activities in pursuit of the above goals.



### Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia

The Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC) was established in 1966 and is a leader in applied social research, social policy analysis and community development approaches to social justice. Our mission is to work with communities in building a just and healthy society for all. We are a non-partisan, registered non-profit society and a federally registered charity. We are a provincial organization with over 16,000 members, governed by a Board of Directors that is representative of all regions of British Columbia.



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November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## *Opening Ceremony Speakers*

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We acknowledge the land on which we stand is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. In the spirit of reconciliation we have invited Latash-Maurice Nahanee from the Squamish First Nation to open the first day of the conference and Elder Roberta Price from Snuneymuxw and Cowichan First Nation to open the second day.

### *Latash-Maurice Nahanee Squamish First Nation*

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Maurice Nahanee is a member of the Squamish Nation and lives in North Vancouver, BC. Latash has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Simon Fraser University and a Associate degree in Arts and Science from Capilano College. As a life long learner and practitioner of Squamish culture he is proud to share his cultural locally and internationally. His cultural teachings came from the example of his parents and community elders. As a traditional artist Latash enjoys wood sculpture, painting, glass etching, performing traditional music and story telling. Latash has travelled overseas to Asia and Europe as a cultural ambassador for the Squamish Nation. He travelled abroad to share traditional songs and dances at cultural festivals. Latash also continues to perform with the Chinook SongCatchers. The core group is made up of his wife and daughters. They have been performing together for 18 years. Maurice Nahanee's Squamish ancestral name is Latash.

### *Elder Roberta Price Snuneymuxw and Cowichan First Nation*

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Elder Robert Price from the Snuneymuxw and Cowichan First Nations has worked tirelessly over the past three decades to educate and raise awareness about issues affecting First Nations people in a positive, informative, and productive manner. She does this by working as a First Nations educator, sharing her traditional knowledge in schools, within the community, and with First Nations people. Healing is something Roberta is familiar with as she recalls a very painful childhood survived in foster care. Feeling isolated and separated from her culture took a toll on her. Today, she has “risen up” and is completely devoted to being an agent of positive change. The mother of four and grandmother of eight shared for the longest time, she thought she was doing the work for her children, but now realizes it’s for her grandchildren. Roberta has worked with urban Indigenous women in the VCH region for many years supporting women on their journeys to improve the health of urban Indigenous communities.



## Conference 2017 Speaker Biographies

### Scientific Program Committee

We are pleased to introduce Paul Pallan and Brittany Bingham, our Scientific Program Committee co-chairs. They have worked tirelessly with the rest of our committee to oversee the development of this year's social and scientific program.

#### Paul Pallan

##### Conference Co-chair

Paul graduated from the University of Victoria and the University of Toronto with degrees in Mathematics and Physics, followed by Health Administration. His public service career in the Ministry of Health spanned over 25 years and included being named Executive Director of Policy, Planning and Legislation; Executive Director of Continuing Care, ADM of Strategic Planning for the Royal Commission on health care, ADM of Cabinet Operations, ADM of Education and culminated with being appointed the Children's Commissioner for BC. Some of his accomplishments include leading the development of evidence bases and model core programs for 21 significant areas of public health on behalf of the Ministry of Health; leading the development of 5 pilot community based Health and Human Resource Centres; helping set up BC's first province wide, integrated continuing care program, and becoming Executive Director of the Victoria Health Project.



#### Brittany Bingham

##### Scientific Program Committee Co-Chair

Brittany Bingham is a member of the Sechelt (Shíshálh) Nation on the Sunshine Coast, BC. Brittany completed her B.A. (honours) in Psychology and Master's in Public Health from Simon Fraser University. She is currently a PhD Candidate in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Her dissertation research investigates health, social and justice service use among Indigenous people who are homeless in both Vancouver and Winnipeg. Brittany has been working in various areas of health research with Indigenous communities for over 10 years and is a passionate advocate for community driven research, equity for Indigenous women, maternal and child health, housing and homelessness, HIV/AIDS and reconciliation for Indigenous health. Brittany is currently working with Vancouver Coastal Health Aboriginal Health as an advisor in research and evaluation initiatives and to develop cultural safety initiatives and initiate community based research projects. She also works with the Gender and Sexual Health Initiative at the BC Centre of Excellence for HIV/AIDS conducting research on the health of Indigenous women in sex work in Vancouver.



### Thank you to everyone on our Scientific Program Committee

<b>Shannon Clarke</b>	BC Health Communities Society, director-at-large, PHABC
<b>Dr. Gord Miller</b>	University of Victoria, President, PHABC
<b>Maureen Rowan</b>	Vice-president, PHABC
<b>Dr. Irving Rootman</b>	Co-Author, Health Promotion in Canada, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Lifetime PHABC Member
<b>Dr. Theresa Healy</b>	University of Northern BC, director-at-large, PHABC
<b>Shannon Turner</b>	Prevention of Violence Canada Chair, Executive Director, PHABC
<b>Dr. Simon Carroll</b>	University Of Victoria, director-at-large, PHABC
<b>Christina Harding</b>	Office & Events Coordinator, PHABC
<b>Ida Holland-Letz</b>	Intern, PHABC
<b>Dr. Jim Frankish</b>	PHABC, Abstract Reviewer
<b>Ian Roe</b>	I Boost Immunity, Abstract Reviewer
<b>Richard Han</b>	Farm to School BC, Abstract Reviewer



## *Dr. John F. Blatherwick*

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Dr. John F. Blatherwick was the Medical Health Officer in Vancouver from 1984 to 2007 as well as the Chief Medical Health Officer of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. He began his career in public health with the Vancouver Health Department in 1971, leaving a residency in Internal Medicine at Vancouver General Hospital to set up the Pine Street Youth Clinic. He left Vancouver in 1974 to take his Diploma in Public Health at the University of Toronto and completed his Fellowship in Public Health at UBC (1976). John then served nine years as the Medical Health Officer in the Simon Fraser Health Unit (Coquitlam / New Westminster).

He considers his non-smoking in the workplace, his work in getting services for persons living with AIDS, his work in getting services to persons addicted to drugs (needle exchange, medical clinic and supervised injection site) and his work in the SARS scare some of his most important work. John was made a Commander of the Order of St. John while serving as the Provincial Commissioner for St. John Ambulance in 1989. In 1994, he was awarded the Order of Canada for his work in public health. In 2002, John was named a 'Canadian Health Hero' by the Pan American Health Organization. In 2005, the British Columbia Medical Association awarded him the BCMA Silver Medal, their highest award, for his contribution to medicine in B.C. (the only Medical Health Officer to receive this award). In 2007, he was given the George Elliott Award by UBC for lifetime achievement in public health, the Cam Coady Foundation Medal of Excellence for leadership and service to British Columbia in the field of public health, and was made a member of the Order of British Columbia. He retired in September 2007. In November 2008, he received the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from UBC and in July 2009 was made a Clinical Professor Emeritus at UBC.

Dr. Blatherwick served in the Canadian Forces reserves for 39 years, retiring in 2000 with the rank of Commander and the position of Senior Naval Reserve Medical Advisor. He served in the Air Force, Army, and the Naval reserves, and was Canada's representative to the NATO Reserve Medical Officers' Congress from 1989 to 1995.

Upon his retirement, the board of directors of the Public Health Association of British Columbia approved a motion to rename the annual conference opening plenary session the ***Dr. John F. Blatherwick Lecture*** to recognize his countless contributions to Public Health in BC. The focus of the lecture this year is Transformative Leadership and Practice: Child and Youth.

## Child & Youth Health

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### Dr. Gord Miller

*Adjunct Professor, School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria*

Dr. Gord Miller is an Adjunct Professor within School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria. He was a former Research Officer and Senior Policy Analyst with the Ministry of Health, and Ministry for Children and Family Development. He has been involved in the provincial development and implementation of: Healthy Workplaces; Healthy Schools; Healthy Communities; Health Impact Assessment (HIA); Provincial Health Goals; Youth Agreements; Agreements with Youth Adults; Youth Safe House Standards; Child, Family and Community Services Act; and, Youth Policy Framework. He received an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. from the University of Victoria, and is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Fellow. His research centers on understanding how programs, organizations, and communities affect children and youth health, well-being and development. He is the recipient of the 2013 Faculty of Human and Social Development Teaching Excellence Award, UVic. Dr. Miller is also a recipient of the 2014 Premier's Award for Innovation for his work in the area of Youth Engagement and Collaborative Action Research within the Ministry of Children and Family Development. He is currently the President of PHABC.

### Dr. Gordon Hogg

*Adjunct Professor, Criminology, Simon Fraser University*

Dr. Gordon Hogg is a Canadian politician who has recently retired. He represented the riding of Surrey-White Rock since 1997 as the BC Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly. Until recently He served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Not for Profit-Public Partnerships, has been Minister of State for Mining, Minister of State for ActNowBC and Minister of Children and Family Development. Dr. Hogg was a counsellor, probation officer and regional director for corrections prior to his election to the Legislative Assembly. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology from the University of British Columbia and his Master's Degree in Psychology from Antioch College. In 2015, he received his PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies. He was appointed SFU adjunct professor in Criminology in 2016. He served on White Rock city council for 20 years, for 10 of which he was mayor. He has been a board member of more than 15 committees and non-profit societies, including the Peace Arch Community Health Council and Peace Arch Hospital.

### Ashley Frerichs

*Youth Co-research, University of Victoria*

Ashley is a recent graduate of the University of Victoria after completing her Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Care. Ashley began in the field as a youth co-researcher working on a youth engagement strategy and has since worked as a youth employment counselor, as a drop in centre coordinator and most recently as a Youth Outreach Worker. She is also a current member of the provincial director of child welfare youth advisory council. Ashley began her career in the Victoria area, and has since moved to the Parksville community where she currently lives and works. When not supporting young people, Ashley can be found enjoying the oceans, lakes and forests on Vancouver Island.

## *Immigrant & Refugee Health*

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### **Dr. Karen Kobayashi**

*Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Victoria*

Dr. Kobayashi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and a Research Affiliate at the Institute for Aging and Lifelong Health at the University of Victoria. She is a social gerontologist who uses a life course perspective to explore the intersections of structural, cultural, and individual factors/experiences affecting health and aging in the Canadian population. She has published widely in the areas of family and intergenerational relationships, ethnicity and immigration, dementia and personhood, and health and social care. The majority of her research to date has been developed and carried out collaboratively in interdisciplinary teams, spanning disciplines in the social sciences, human and social development and medicine, and across a number of academic institutions and health care authorities. Her current research program examines the social, economic, cultural, and health dimensions of an aging population with particular foci on: (1) the development of resources to address elder abuse in ethno-cultural minority communities; (2) facilitating access to health and social care services and programs for ethno-cultural minority immigrant older adults; and (3) new and emerging family formations, i.e., Living-Apart-Together (LATs), and the implications of changing family relationships for social support in later life.

## *Healthy Built Environments*

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### **Dr. Trevor Hancock**

*Hon FFPH, University of Victoria*

Dr. Trevor Hancock is a public health physician, an internationally recognized health promotion consultant and an expert on healthy cities and communities. Since 2011 he has held the position of Professor and Senior Scholar in Public Health at the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. The main focus of his work has been in the area of healthy cities and communities and he has always had in strong interest in the links between health and the built and natural environments, and between health and ecological sustainability. He is currently leading a series of local Conversations on the concept of Victoria as a One Planet Region. He was one of the founders of the international healthy cities and communities and served as an advisor and consultant to the WHO Healthy Cities Project in Europe from 1986 until the mid-1990s, coauthoring the original background paper in 1986 with Len Duhl from the School of Public Health at Berkeley. He authored or co-authored several key WHO reports, including a background paper for the World Health Assembly Technical Discussions in 1990. He was a member of the Knowledge Network on Urban Settings (part of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health) from 2006 – 2008, an Advisory Board member for the Urban HEART project of the WHO Kobe Centre for Health and Development (2008 -9) and a member of the Global Research Network on Urban Health Equity (2009 – 10).

## Indigenous Health

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### Dr. Shannon Waters

*Medical Health Officer, Cowichan Valley, Island Health*

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Dr. Shannon Waters is the Medical Health Officer for the Cowichan Valley at Island Health at the Vancouver Island Health Authority. She has served as Island Health's Medical Director for Excellence in Maternal Care for Aboriginal Women and Families in the North Island region, where she also led the work for excellence in cultural safety. Dr. Shannon Waters was also the Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor to the Provincial Health Officer and held various positions with Health Canada and the First Nations Health Authority including Director of Health Surveillance and Acting Senior Medical Officer. Dr. Waters has considerable experience and expertise connecting with the local Cowichan community as a Senior Medical Officer and a family physician. She is Hulqu'minum, a member of Stz'uminus First Nation, and her family ties to the area extend for generations. She is passionate about giving back to the community by helping transform health and wellbeing.

### Deborah Schwartz

*Life Coach, Flourish Consulting*

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Deborah is Métis, (Ojibwa ancestry) born and raised in Winnipeg, but has made BC her home for the past 24 years. She lives on Gabriola Island with her husband Ron. In her career spanning over 30 years, she has served in many different roles; including family advancement worker, life skills instructor and was the executive director for the Aboriginal Health Branch of the BC Ministry of Health (2003-2010) where she and her team worked with First Nations to develop the Tripartite First Nations Health plan. She also served as the inaugural executive director for the B.C. First Nations Health Director Association (2011-2012). Deborah launched Flourish Consulting in 2013 and provides professional and organizational development services. Deborah completed her Masters degree in Training and Leadership Studies at Royal Roads University in 2012. Her organizational development project focused on the factors that support (and undermine) the well being of health directors working in First Nations communities in BC. She is also a certified Martha Beck Life Coach and loves supporting people to expand their self-awareness, identify their passions and cultivate their strengths and gifts. Deborah teaches Indigenous Leadership and Indigenous Policy Development in the Aboriginal Health and Community Administration Program at UBC Continuing Studies. She also currently on contract with Ahousaht First Nation, assisting with health service improvements.

### Brad Marsden

*Life Coach, Residential School Counselor and Facilitator*

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Brad Marsden is a Life Coach, Residential School Counselor and Facilitator from the Gitsegukla Reserve within the Gitksan Nation in Northern British Columbia. Brad graduated from a Wellness Counselor Program in July 2008 and has also been trained in SafeTalk as well as Suicide Intervention at the Crisis Center of B.C. He is an Inter-generational Survivor of the Residential School: as I was raised by my grandparents who went there. Although he never attended the school, he was raised by the same beliefs, attitudes and behaviors' that his primary caregivers and community had to experience in the Residential School. All of his important early childhood development was greatly influenced by their experience in those schools. It is his goal to help his people move forward in their lives by helping them and society become more accurately aware of the history of the Residential School and the effects that it had and still has on First Nations communities today, and more importantly on children.

## *The Opioid Crisis in BC*

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On the morning of November 16th, 2017 we will be hosting Medical Health Officers from across BC in a plenary session dedicated to the opioid crisis. The rise in drug overdoses and deaths has affected all British Columbians in some way and on Thursday April 14th, 2016, BC's provincial health officer declared a public health emergency in response to this crisis. Since the declaration, a myriad of new programs and initiatives have been developed to fight back. In this plenary session we will be exploring what has been done, what still needs to be done and how transformative leadership and practice can help inform innovative solutions.

### **Dr. Paul Hasselback**

*Medical Health Officer, Island Health*

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Dr. Paul Hasselback is a Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island. Since 1990 he has also held Medical Health Officer position's in the BC Interior, Southwestern Alberta, Calgary and Regina. He is a specialist in public health and preventive medicine who trained in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal and was in family practice in rural Saskatchewan. He has a Master of Science in Epidemiology and is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia and an Affiliate Clinical Professor at the University of Victoria. Paul has over 30 peer reviewed publications and has done over 140 public health related academic presentations. In 2000, he was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association award for "an individual who has significantly advanced the cause, legitimized and stressed the responsibility for the state of the art of the public health". In 2010, he was awarded the National Specialist Society for Community Medicine President's Award for contributions to the specialty. He is a past chair of the Health Officer's Council of British Columbia and current co-chair of the HOC population health working group.

### **Dr. Sandra Allison**

*Chief Medical Health Officer, Northern Health*

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Dr. Sandra Allison is the Chief Medical Health Officer for Northern Health. Dr. Allison is a public health physician and is responsible for all public health programs in Northern Health, and advises the NH Executive Team and the Board on issues of importance to the health of Northerners. Dr. Allison is also a Clinical Assistant Professor with UBC and an Adjunct Professor at UNBC.

### **Dr. Aamir Bharmal**

*Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority*

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Dr. Aamir Bharmal is a Medical Health Officer and Medical Director for Communicable Disease and Harm Reduction with Fraser Health Authority. In his role, he is responsible for communicable disease and overdose surveillance, analysis, and response. He completed his medical degree at the University of Alberta and residency training in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the University of Toronto, as well as a Master of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

## *The Opioid Crisis in BC*

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### Dr. John Carsley

*Medical Health Officer (Retired), Vancouver Coastal Health*

Dr John Carsley is a public health and preventive medicine specialist with 35 years experience in a variety of regional, provincial and federal public health programmes, working in Québec and BC. He was a Medical Health Officer in Vancouver from 2007-2016 and has recently returned to Vancouver Coastal Public Health as a part time healthy public policy advisor and MLHO (maternity leave helper out). During his career at Vancouver Coastal Health he was a medical advisor to some of VCH's public health programs including early childhood, injury prevention, and population health. He also worked a great deal with the city of Vancouver around the shared Healthy City Strategy. His areas of practice have been infectious disease prevention and control and immunization, mother and child health, injury prevention, harm reduction, the healthy built environment, primary care service organization, and media relations. His principal academic interests are undergraduate and postgraduate medical teaching and evaluation and evaluation of public health programmes.

### Dan Reist

*Opioid Crisis in BC Moderator, Centre for Addictions Research of BC*

Dan Reist is an Assistant Director with the Centre for Addictions Research of BC at the University of Victoria. He has contributed to policy dialogues related to substance use and addictive behaviours in Canada and internationally. One of his many interests relates to understanding why humans engage in seemingly self-destructive behaviour. Dan is actively involved in helping schools, families and communities effectively address substance use from a health promotion and dialogic perspective. He leads a knowledge mobilization team involved in assessing evidence, developing tools to increase critical mental health literacy and healthy public policy, supporting implementation, and facilitating collaboration.



## Moderators

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### Shannon Turner

*Dr. John F. Blatherwick Lecture Moderator, PHABC*

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Shannon has more than thirty years of experience in public health practice, healthy public policy, health promotion, program and project management, strategic planning, health informatics, quality assurance, risk management, logistics and accounting as well as conducting research on digital communication and citizen engagement. Aside from her extensive academic credentials Shannon brings a wide range of experience from both the public and private sector. Shannon has worked across the continuum of health services in acute, long term and primary care organizations. Prior to undertaking doctoral studies, Shannon served as Director of Public Health for Vancouver Island Health Authority. With a background in international health Shannon has served as a consultant, facilitating a multi county meeting in Africa and led a health promotion speaking tour in Sweden and Latvia. She has served the World Health Organization Global Violence Prevention Alliance for the past decade as National Co-chair of Prevention of Violence Canada. Shannon Turner was awarded the Honorary Life Membership Award from the Canadian Public Health Association at this year's conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, for her dedication to public health.

### Veronica Fynn Bruey

*Immigrant & Refugee Health Moderator, PHABC*

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As an award-winning international interdisciplinary researcher in law, public health, science and psychology, Veronica Fynn Bruey has conducted research studies, consulted on projects and spoken at international conferences in over 20 countries across Africa, Australia, Europe, Asia and North America. With over 14 years of experience Veronica has held teaching and research positions at William V S Tubman University, University of Washington School of Law, Australian National University School of Law, Cuttington University, University of British Columbia, Georgetown Law Center, and the Mandela Institute at Wits School of Law. She has published eight books and book chapters, 19 peer-review articles, book reviews and several reports in law, public health, Aboriginal issues, gender studies, human trafficking and (post)/colonial violence. Veronica is an avid advocate of law and policy reform regarding race and ethnicity, human rights, social justice and equality. Her community engagement work include sitting on the board of the World Computer Exchange (Canada) and the Public Health Association of British Columbia. Currently, she is a senior researcher with the Centre for Policy in Liberia and the Director of Flowers School of Public Health and Health Sciences. She is also the founder/editor-in-chief of the Journal of Internal Displacement and the founder of "Displaced Peoples", a Law and Society Association's collaborative research network. Veronica is a born and bred Liberian war survivor.

### Brittany Bingham

*Indigenous Health Moderator, PHABC*

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Brittany Bingham is a member of the Sechelt (Shíshálh) Nation on the Sunshine Coast, BC. Brittany completed her B.A. (honours) in Psychology and Master's in Public Health from Simon Fraser University. She is currently a PhD Candidate in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Brittany has been working in various areas of health research with Indigenous communities for over 10 years and is a passionate advocate for community driven research, equity for Indigenous women, maternal and child health, housing and homelessness, HIV/AIDS and reconciliation for Indigenous health. Brittany is currently working with Vancouver Coastal Health Aboriginal Health as an advisor in research and evaluation initiatives and to develop cultural safety initiatives and initiate community based research projects. She also works with the Gender and Sexual Health Initiative at the BC Centre of Excellence for HIV/AIDS conducting research on the health of Indigenous women in sex work in Vancouver.