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Call for Contributions

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St. John's, Sept. 2008

President's September Report

I hope that you all enjoyed the summer although the weather could have been better all across the country!

Our focus this fall will be;

- 1) Improving accessibility to the bulletin board service and
- 2) Encouraging and enabling members to use the bulletin board service.

I have also asked the committee chairs to organize the new and existing committees. The committee chair reports to a designated board member.

I spent September 14th-21st in St John's and Halifax meeting many people involved in transgender health care. Thank you for the warm hospitality and I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing you again next year!

The next issue of the newsletter will focus on transgender care in Atlantic Canada.

Gail Knudson MD, MPE, FRCPC



Member Spotlight—Mr. Lukas Walther

Lukas is a certified counsellor who has been working with the transgender population for more than a decade and is the Coordinator of the Transgender Health Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. He is the co-founder of FTM Etc (peer-run FTM support/discussion group, 1996-) and BC FTM Network (education/advocacy).

Lukas was presented with the FTM 2006 award "In recognition for significant contributions to our collective communities" at the Gender Odyssey conference in Seattle.





Announcements

Egale Canada is currently in the process of planning a conference that will address the needs of gender variant children and their families; to be held in Toronto in 2009. A committed consultative group of service providers, parents, activists, and community members has been formed and is meeting regularly to discuss next steps in moving conference planning forward. The committee plans to launch an upcoming outreach initiative with the hopes of gaining a more comprehensive assessment of the primary needs of gender variant and trans-identified kids currently accessing children's mental health and supportive services.

While it has been identified that framing "standards of care" for trans and gender variant people within a mental health context can be problematic, we also know that these

are often the only services that are currently available/being accessed. Therefore, the conference committee is looking to consult with a variety of providers in the area of children's mental health and supportive services, and to meet with key organizational members to discuss the primary concerns of gender variant and trans-identified kids and their families. It is the hope of the group to be able to reach out to organizations outside of Ontario and across the country, and work alongside a diverse group of informed service providers and community members that better reflect the needs of gender variant and trans-identified youth in Canada.

For more information about the Gender Variance Conference or to get involved, please contact Jordan at jordan@egale.ca. For more information about egale, please call us at 1 888 204-7777.

GLMA Conference

The 26th Annual Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association will take place in Seattle on October 23-25, 2008.

There are many transgender related papers at this conference.

More information about the Annual Conference, including a preliminary program of educational offerings, is available at www.glma.org/annualconference.

TRANS ACTIVISM: A Canadian Reader and Practical Guide

(co-editors: Rupert Raj, M.A. & Dan Irving, Ph.D. reviewer: Yasmeen Persad)

A call for papers from trans people and our allies and supporters. **Please** submit a 500-word abstract (double-spaced), and a 100-word bio (double-spaced) by **Friday, October 24th, 2008 (12 midnight)** to: irving.dan@gmail.com, rraj@sherbourne.on.ca and ypersad@sherbourne.on.ca



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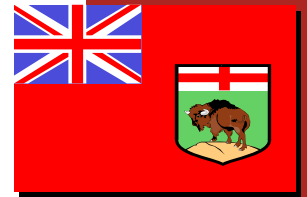


BC Update

The Transgender Health Program will be hosting a Hormone Readiness and Eligibility Assessor Training on October 24th and 25th in Victoria. For those interested, please contact Gail Knudson at gail.knudson@vch.ca

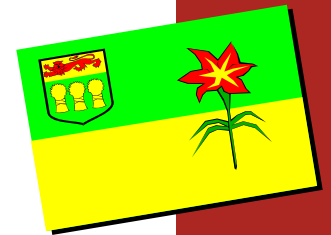
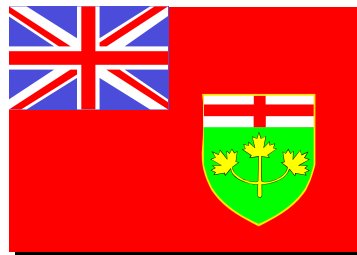
Let's Talk About Health

If you would like to receive monthly information on GLBTQ healthcare, please subscribe to lgbt@sherbourne.on.ca. This e-publication is produced by Michele Clark, Communications Coordinator, Rainbow Health Ontario.



New Articles

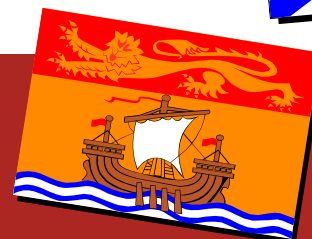
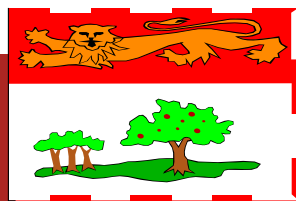
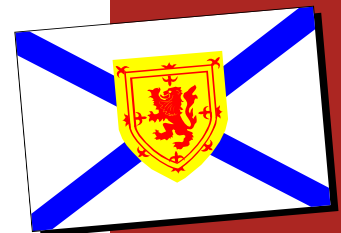
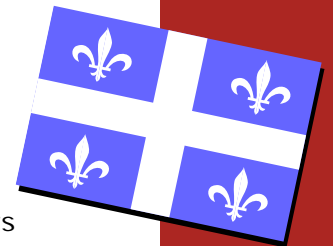
Hale, C. Jacob. "Ethical problems with the mental health evaluation standards of care for adult gender variant prospective patients." *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* 50, no. 4 (2007): 491.



APA Task Force Report on Gender Identity

The American Psychological Association formed a Task Force on Gender Identity and Gender Variance charged with developing recommendations, based upon a review of current research on gender identity and gender variance.

The task force has now completed its work and the press release can be found at: www.apa.org/releases/genderC08.html. The full text of the task force report can be found at: www.apa.org/pi/lgbct/transgender/2008TaskForceReport.pdf





The Global Health Mentorship Project

Would you like to mentor a student?

For those of us passionate about health for everyone no matter who they are, it can be challenging to find the 'global' path in the medical education landscape. Not all medical school curricula provide the resources and opportunities that prepare future physicians to work as global citizens who advocate for the health of LGBTQ populations, immigrant populations, and overseas populations, while also working to serve dominant identity groups. While keen students and faculty are working tirelessly to build diverse and open-minded curriculums across Canada, many medical students are still left to fend for themselves as they search for a career path in global health.

The Global Health Mentorship Project (GHMP) is a not-for-profit project that attempts to address this shortcoming in our curriculum. The project links Canadian medical students and global health development professionals in mentor-mentee relationships. The project requires about 1-2 hours per month from a mentor, where she or he would communicate with a student over email, the phone, or in person. In return for the time staff spend mentoring students, the mentees can volunteer their time to something that may add value to the mentor's organization, such as a literature review, survey, or research.

The GHMP is the only project of its kind in Canada, and has received worldwide acclaim. Students immensely value this project, as it has helped fill in a huge gap in medical global health education. In addition, the GHMP aims to foster the continual reflection and self-awareness that is required when engaging in the complex web of healthcare issues.

Would you be interested in mentoring a student? We are currently still in need of many more mentors, including physicians, nurses, counselors, and all other allied health care professionals who have experience working in global and LGBTQ health. If you are willing to mentor, please email Nitasha at mentorship@cfms.org to receive a registration form. More information can be found online at ihmp.cfms.org.



CPATH 2009 Meetings

There will be two CPATH meetings in 2009. As per the suggestions from the June 2008 business meeting, the Annual General Meeting will take place via web conferencing and videoconferencing across several sites. The date is TBA but will probably be in June.

The satellite meeting will take place in during WPATH in Oslo. There will be a cocktail reception on Tuesday June 16th and a meeting (featuring a guest speaker) from 0900-1200 on Wednesday June 17th. The WPATH meeting starts later that afternoon.

Please see the bulletin board for further details.



Calendar of Events

- September 1st—Labour Day
- October 31st—deadline for WPATH abstracts

September 2008

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A big THANKS to all of our supporters!

