



Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation

Groupe de travail canadien sur le VIH et la réinsertion sociale

**2010 Forum on HIV and Rehabilitation & CWGHR Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
***Breaking Barriers, Advancing Access: Collaborating to Enhance Rehabilitation for People Living with HIV and Other Episodic Illnesses***

***Speaker Topics***

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010**

**Tara Carnochan**

Manager, Health Promotion and Outreach Programs, Nine Circles Community Health Centre

*Manitoba HIV Program: Integrating Rehabilitation*

Tara will be presenting on the integrated model of HIV care offered by the Manitoba HIV Program. She will discuss rehabilitation services as a current gap in HIV care in Manitoba and the initial steps that Nine Circles Community Health Centre has taken to broaden its integrated model of service delivery to include concepts of rehabilitation.

**Dr. Bob Gardner**

Director, Healthcare Reform and Public Policy, Wellesley Institute

*Improving Access to Rehabilitation: The Policy Lens*

In his discussion, Bob will outline: the current policy environment for action on rehabilitation; how to identify the solutions to the barriers people face; how to frame the policy and service changes needed to ensure equitable access; and how to build the winning case for these changes.

**Dr. Michel D. Landry**

Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto

*Accessing Rehabilitation Services: Current Trends, Practice and Issues*

Accessing rehabilitation services across Canada is a complex and elusive trajectory. In this talk, we will discuss current trends and explore the opportunities and challenges that exist along the continuum of care for improving access. Rehabilitation services hold a key to improving function for people living with episodic conditions, but may also be part of the solution to escalating costs in the health care and social sectors.

**Deanna Matzanke**

Director, Global Employment Strategies, Scotiabank

*Living and Working with an Episodic Disability: The Gap Between Access to Care and Productivity*

Deanna will share her personal story of being hospitalized for a severe episode and highlight her fight back to productive work. She will also examine the gaps in the "system" and the consequences of such gaps.

**Paul Curwin**

CWGHR Board Member

*EDEN: How the Episodic Disabilities Employment Network Plays into Rehabilitation*

Working and feeling good are important parts of rehabilitation. Paul will discuss the development of CWGHR's Episodic Disabilities Employment Network (EDEN), and its important role in connecting people across the country to provide support on employment issues for people living with episodic disabilities, including HIV.

As part of the EDEN, a national, interactive website will soon be launched (see display at Forum for a preview).

**Kelly O'Brien**

CWGHR Board Member

*CUHRRC: Updates on the Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative*

Kelly will provide an overview of the Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC), including the meeting of 25 participants held in London, UK, in October 2009, as well as updates on current research initiatives with the CUHRRC.

**Kim Steele**

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

*Episodic Disabilities Network*

Kim will discuss the work of the Episodic Disabilities Network, which brings together organizations working on issues affecting people with episodic disabilities to: share information on research and programs; provide opportunities to support each other's work; and respond in a coordinated way to issues affecting people with episodic disabilities.

**Sheila Thomas**

Occupational Therapist, St. Michael's Hospital

*Mentorship Project and Updated "A Guide for Rehabilitation Professionals Working with People Living with HIV/AIDS"*

The CWGHR Mentorship Project is a collaborative six-month process of bringing together clinicians and people living with HIV to share their respective knowledge and experience. Video conferences provide a mechanism for the mentoring to transpire and this process fosters an increased awareness and development of resources regarding rehabilitation services for people living with HIV.

**Glyn Townson**

British Columbia Persons with AIDS Society and CWGHR Co-Chair

*Aging, Rehabilitation and HIV*

With the advent of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), people are living longer, healthier lives with HIV. However, people living with HIV, their health care providers and researchers are increasingly discovering complex medical and psychosocial problems associated with aging with the illness. In addition, a growing number of older adults are being newly diagnosed with HIV. To examine these trends, CWGHR convened many of Canada's leaders in the HIV/AIDS and gerontology communities for the first time at the Partners in Aging National Forum, held March 3-4, 2010.