

## Program

Please note that the conference program is **tentative** and **subject to change**. Please visit the conference website frequently for updates!

<b>Monday, October 28, 2013</b>	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Concurrent Workshop A1: Government relations &amp; advocacy for leaders in ending homelessness</b></p> <p>A critical success factor in ending homelessness is successfully lobbying municipal, provincial and federal governments for funding support and policy change. In this half-day workshop Global Public Affairs will share insight and strategies for building public and political support for ending homelessness.</p> <p>Presenters: Randy Pettipas, President &amp; CEO, Global Public Affairs Philip Cartwright, Global Public Affairs</p>
	<p><b>Concurrent Workshop B1: Fundamentals of 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness</b></p> <p>Plans to end homelessness are community-based plans that shift a community's focus from managing homelessness to ending it. These plans have been proven in Canada to lead dramatic reductions in homelessness. In this workshop Canadian and American experts will provide a detailed explanation of the fundamental elements of plans to end homelessness and share key strategies for their development and implementation.</p> <p>Presenters: Tim Richter, President &amp; CEO, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness</p>
	<p><b>Concurrent Workshop C1: Fundamentals of Housing First</b></p> <p>Housing First is the revolutionary response for effectively ending homelessness, now at the heart of all plans to end homelessness and the policy driving force of the renewed Homelessness Partnering Strategy. In this interactive workshop, Dr. Sam Tsemberis will present the fundamentals of Housing First including lesson learned from the Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home / Chez Soi project.</p> <p>Presenter: Sam Tsemberis, President &amp; CEO, Pathways to Housing</p>
Evening	Participant free time

## Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Morning)

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Welcome Coffee/Tea
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Opening Plenary with Official Dignitaries <b>(Disponible en français)</b>
9:45 – 11:15am	Concurrent Sessions I
	<b>Leadership and Planning I-a (Disponible en français)</b> <b>Developing a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness</b>  Plans to end homelessness are community-based plans that shift a community's focus from managing homelessness to ending it. Speakers will outline the fundamental elements of plans to end homelessness and share key strategies for their development and implementation.  Presenters: TBC
	<b>Leadership and Planning I-b</b> <b>Collective Impact: How to create large scale social change</b>  Collective Impact is an emerging methodology for achieving large scale social change that offers important lessons for ending homelessness. In this session, noted Canadian author and Collective Impact expert Liz Weaver from the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement will introduce and explain the key elements of Collective Impact and their applicability to ending homelessness.  Presenter: Liz Weaver, Vice President, Tamarack Institute
	<b>Practice 1-a</b> <b>Rapid re-housing for individuals and families</b>  Rapid re-housing is a cost-effective solution to homelessness that involves providing assistance locating new housing, short-term rental assistance, and follow-up case management services. Presenters will outline the basic housing and service components involved in the rapid re-housing model and provide examples of the results local communities have achieved in reducing homelessness using this approach  Presenters: Tom Albanese, Senior Associate, Abt Associates Kourch Chan, E4C
<b>Practice I-b</b> <b>Fundamentals of Housing First</b>  Housing First is a highly effective program for ending homelessness and the primary policy mandate of the renewed Homelessness Partnering Strategy. Presenters will provide examples of how Housing First was implemented across the 5 cities of the Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home / Chez Soi project and discuss issues of implementation and operations when introducing Housing First into new environments.  Presenters: Sam Tsemberis, President & CEO, Pathways to Housing Catharine Hume, Mental Health Commission of Canada	

Practice I-c

**Best practices in housing focused outreach**

In making the shift from managing homelessness to ending it the role of outreach programs shifts from providing survival supports to also becoming the critical front door to permanent housing. This session will cover the basics of housing focused outreach and provide examples of innovative Canadian outreach programs.

Presenters:

Ken Kraybill, Director of t3 Training, Center for Social Innovation (C4)

TBC

Research and Policy I-a

**Housing intervention & support**

How relationships and networks affect the transition from homelessness to housing, and how these relationships help people maintain ongoing housing, are keys to these research papers. By examining transitional housing and support programs, as well as exploring an individual's social networks, the importance of connection is shown.

**"National Veterans Project: Project Management and Evaluation"**

Cheryl Forchuk, University of Western Ontario and Jan Richardson, City of London

**"From Homeless to Housed: Exploring Relationships in Transition"**

Kristen Desjarlais-deKlerk, University of Calgary

**"Individual, housing, and neighbourhood level predictors of community integration among vulnerably housed and homeless individuals"**

John Ecker et al., University of Ottawa

**"Exiting Street Life: Youth Trajectories out of Homelessness"**

Karabanow, J., Hughes, J., Kidd, S., Fredericks, T., Aube, C., Sullivan, K., and Naylor, T., Dalhousie University.

Research and Policy I-b

**Urban Aboriginal homelessness**

Within urban areas across Canada, Aboriginals are disproportionately represented amongst homeless populations. This session examines the unique challenges faced by Aboriginal people in cities across the country, including the funding of services in Vancouver and Toronto, the transitory needs of Aboriginals in Winnipeg, the increase in migration of the Inuit population to Montreal and the ways in which cities need to examine Aboriginal/Homeless policy and planning in Prairie cities.

**"Co-production and Municipal Policy Responses to Urban Aboriginal Homelessness"**

Yale. D. Belanger, University of Lethbridge

**"Inuit Homelessness in Montreal: issues, challenges, strategy and action plan"**

Donat Savoie, Makivik Corporation

**"Supporting Transitional Services for First Nations/Aboriginal Urban Newcomers: Examining Migration, Housing, and Service Delivery"**

Marcie Snyder, Centre for Research on Inner City Health, St. Michael's Hospital and Jason Whitford, Eagle Urban Transition Centre

**"Collaboration and Conflict between 'Mainstream' and Aboriginal CABs in Vancouver and Toronto"**

Carey Doberstein, University of Toronto

## Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Morning - continued)

	<p>Research and Policy I-c <b>Staffing issues</b></p> <p>A key component of improving service delivery is to focus on staff, however, this area is often under-funded and overlooked. The ways in which staff values impact service delivery is also sometimes ignored. These speakers look at key issues of staff training and awareness, impact of staff values, and the ways in which better service can be provided to clients through a focus on staffing.</p> <p><b>"Housing and Support Interventions: Training A Proficient Front-Line Work Force"</b> Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff, University of Calgary</p> <p><b>"Core Collaborative Learning: Innovative Frontline Learning to End Homelessness"</b> Cole Gately, Good Shepherd Non-Profit Homes</p> <p><b>"Staff Perspectives of the Housing First Theory of Change from the Implementation Evaluation of At Home/Chez Soi"</b> Geoffrey Nelson, Paula Goering, Rachel Caplan, Timothy Macleod, Wilfrid Laurier University, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health</p> <p><b>"Breaking down the relationships between daily pressures, 'red tape', and organizational expectations"</b> Michele Ferland and Nicole Boileau, Sandy Hill CHC</p>
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	<p>Plated Lunch with Keynote Speaker – Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver <b>(Disponible en français)</b></p>

## Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon)

1:30 pm– 3:00 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions II</p> <p>Leadership and Planning II-a <b>Developing a coordinated homelessness system of care</b></p> <p>A system of care coordinates resources (programs, agencies, funding) to ensure community-level results align with 10 Year Plan goals and meet client needs effectively. Rather than relying on an organization by organization approach, system planning uses a framework to provide consistent services in purposeful and strategic way. In this session presenters will outline what a homelessness system of care is, how it works and outline critical steps in the development process.</p> <p>Presenter: Alina Turner</p>
	<p>Leadership and Planning II-b <b>(Disponible en français)</b> <b>'If I had to do it all over again' lessons on planning to end homelessness</b></p> <p>Through the experience of others we can accelerate efforts to end homelessness by avoiding mistakes and replicating successes. Join leaders from three Canadian cities for a panel discussion reflecting on their experience developing and implementing plans to end homelessness and Housing First programs.</p> <p>Presenters: Susan McGee, President &amp; CEO, Homeward Trust Edmonton Diane Randell, Manager, Community &amp; Social Development Group City of Lethbridge Sheri Benson, Executive Director, United Way of Saskatoon</p>

**Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

1:30 pm–  
3:00 pm

**Leadership and Planning II-c**  
**All Our Sisters: Women's Homelessness in Canada**

All Our Sisters is a national multi-disciplinary network and conference addressing the social, economic and practical issues affecting homeless women and women at risk in Canada. Learn more about this exciting new network and conference and the issues and solutions relating to homelessness for Canadian women from experts including women with lived experience.

Presenters:

Karen Orser, Manager of Community Housing and Poverty Initiatives, YWCA Calgary

Erica Zarins, London Middlesex Health Unit

Lisa Pierce, Co-Chair, All Our Sisters 2014

**Practice II-a**  
**Dimensions of quality in permanent supportive housing**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is long-term, community-based affordable housing with support services for homeless persons with serious disabilities. PSH is an important part of the housing mix in every community. The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) has developed 'Dimensions of Quality in Supportive Housing' that articulates what makes quality supportive housing, driving better outcomes for tenants, especially those with multiple barriers to housing stability. Join CSH for an introduction to this valuable quality assessment tool.

Presenter:

Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing

**Practice II-b**  
**Developing and implementing Intensive Case Management Housing First programs**

Intensive Case Management (ICM) is one of the most common, effective and readily adaptable forms of Housing First intervention for chronic and episodically homeless individuals. In this session delegates will learn about the development and implementation of ICM programs and be introduced to a new Canadian Housing First ICM toolkit.

Presenter:

Lisa Garrisen, HomeBase Program Director, The Alex Community Health Centre

**Research and Policy II-a**  
**Research partnerships and strategies**

The Canadian Homelessness Research Network (CHRN) is dedicated to helping end homelessness by improving the impact of homelessness research on policy and practice. This panel of presentations will highlight CHRN's work over the past several years including the in-depth network building and knowledge mobilization strategies. It will also highlight its new project and the exciting directions for homelessness research in Canada.

**"The Canadian Homelessness Research Network: Making Research Matter"**

Steve Gaetz, Principal Investigator

**"Research, Knowledge Mobilization and Design: The Homeless Hub"**

Stephanie Vasko, Communications Manager, CHRN

**"Looking Forward: The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness"**

Tanya Gulliver, Project Coordinator, CHRN

**"Socializing Homelessness: How CHRN uses Social Media to raise awareness"**

Oxana Roudenko, Communications Officer, CHRN

**Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

**Research and Policy II-b  
Inclusion, diversity and voice**

This session highlights research that ensures that the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness is represented in the work being done to create solutions. It also explores the diverse needs of unique populations within the broader homelessness sector.

**“How Policy and Culture Create Oppressive Conditions for LGBTQ Youth in the Shelter System.”**

I Alex Abramovich, OISE, University of Toronto

**“Community Voices: Informing Homeless Sector Services from the Perceptions of People who are Homeless”**

Christine A. Walsh, Liza Lorenzetti, Tracy-Ray Lewis, Erin Pearce, Natalie St-Denis, and Percy Murwisi, University of Calgary

**“Including people who experience homelessness”**

Trudy Norman and Bernadette Pauly, University of Victoria

**“Hidden in our Midst: Homeless Newcomer Youth in Toronto “**

Dr. Susan Eckerle Curwood and Dr. Deborah Goodman, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health  
Ann Fitzpatrick, Children’s Aid Society of Toronto

**Research and Policy II-c  
Policing**

Criminalization of the homeless is an ongoing issue. As police forces and governments pass policies that restrict freedom of movement and govern interactions (ie Safe Streets Act) this becomes an increasing issue for agencies. Discriminatory practices concerning racialized communities, Aboriginals and people living with mental illness is also an ever-present challenge. This panel will discuss issues of policing, law and legislation from a variety of perspectives.

**“Colonialism, Cops, and Chaos: Reframing the Discourse of Indigenous Homelessness in Edmonton”**

Daniel Morley Johnson, University of Alberta

**“Profiles of Police Interaction Among Homeless Individuals with Severe Mental Illness”**

Laurence Roy, McGill University Anne G. Crocker, BC Mental Health and Addictions Services, and Tonia L. Nicholls, University of British Columbia

**“Court-imposed spatial restrictions and the homeless”**

Marie-Eve Sylvestre, University of Ottawa; Celine Bellot and Dominique Bernier, University of Montreal

**“Homeless Legal Advocacy: Continuity of Care in a Housing First Model”**

Joshua Lam, Homeless Legal Advocacy Program

3:00 pm –  
3:30 pm

Refreshment Break

## Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)

3:30 pm –  
5:00 pm

### Concurrent Sessions III

#### Leadership and Planning III-a

##### **Using data and data systems to coordinate service and inform planning & practice**

When shifting from managing to ending homelessness, the role of data and data systems also shifts from funder reporting to service prioritization, system coordination, program performance monitoring, system planning as well as funder reporting. In this session presenters will shake up traditional thinking on data and outline how a Homeless Management Information System can coordinate homeless serving systems and contribute to ending homelessness.

Presenters:

Chantal Hansen, Manager, Calgary HMIS Initiative

#### Leadership and Planning III-b **(Disponible en français)**

##### **Changes to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy**

The Homelessness Partnering Secretariat will host a session on implementing the renewed and refocused Homelessness Partnering Strategy. This will include an update on the implementation approach, tools/resources to support the move to Housing First and expectations for demonstrating results.

Presenters:

Tim Foran, Director of Policy, Homelessness Partnering Secretariat

#### Leadership and Planning III-c

##### **Retooling your shelter & transitional housing programs**

Ending homelessness means shifting focus away from shelter and transitional housing toward permanent housing and support, but that doesn't mean there isn't a critical role for organizations that provide those services. Learn more about how shelter and transitional housing programs can be transformed with a focus on preventing and ending homelessness.

Presenters:

Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing

#### Practice III-a

##### **Engaging people with lived experience**

This session explores the practice of peer involvement drawing from the experience of the Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home/Chez Soi project and Waterloo Region's STEP Home program. The goal of this session is to provide grounded examples of the impact people with lived experience (PWLE) make in homelessness policy, planning and programming, and offer salient practices to audience members who are interested in supporting PWLE involvement in their own settings.

Presenters:

Jijian Voronka, Mental Health Commission of Canada

Marie Morrison, Manager Social Planning, Region of Waterloo, Social Services

Brad Berg, Social Planning Associate, Region of Waterloo

Heather Gilmore, Peer Specialist, Vancouver's Rain City ACT team

## Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)

3:30 pm –  
5:00 pm

### Practice III-b **Municipal leadership in ending homelessness**

Homelessness has devastating consequences not only for the individual, but also for neighbourhoods and communities. While local governments typically have limited resources to address the underlying causes of homelessness, they are the front line for the issue. The session explores how Vancouver, and other municipalities in the region are taking a leadership role in ending homelessness. The discussion will be guided by questions such as: What is municipal leadership and why is it important for municipal staff and communities responding to homelessness? What role can municipal leadership play in ending homelessness? When does leadership make the most difference? Presentations will be followed by a robust discussion of lessons learned and how they can apply to your municipality.

Presenters:

Judy Graves, Former Advocate for the Homeless, City of Vancouver  
Brenda Proskan, General Manager, Community Services, City of Vancouver  
Celine Mauboules, Senior Planner, Housing Policy, City of Vancouver

### Research and Policy III-a **Colloquium - Homeless in the North: Responding to the Housing and Homeless Needs of Unique Populations**

In this coast to coast to coast, colloquium the authors tackle issues of gender, rural life, aboriginal people, program delivery and geography, in presenting a multi-faceted look at issues related to homelessness from a northern perspective. Understanding the housing and support needs and preferences of homeless women in Canada's northern, remote communities is critical to developing effective housing and support models; models which will increase the likelihood of women achieving housing stability and improving their health on multiple dimensions.

#### **"The Ongoing Inuit Housing Crisis in Canada: An Action Research Program"**

Dianne Kinnon and Cathleen Knotsch, Inuit Tuttarvingat National Aboriginal Health Organization

#### **"Gendered Pathways to Northern Homelessness: A Critical Geography of Institutionalization"**

Julia Christensen, University of British Columbia

#### **"Homelessness in Remote and Northern Service-Centre Communities: Issues and strategies for program delivery and policy change"**

Rebecca Schiff, Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Jackie Compton Hobbs, Happy Valley-Goose Bay Housing and Homelessness Coalition

#### **"You Just Blink and It Can Happen: A Study of Women's Homelessness North of 60"**

Judy Bopp, Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning  
Lyda Fuller, YWCA Yellowknife  
Charlotte Hrenchuk, Yukon Status of Women Council  
Arlene Hache, Yellowknife Women's Society  
Shylah Elliot, Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council.



**Tuesday, October 29, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

3:30 pm –  
5:00 pm

Research and Policy III-b

**Family homelessness**

Family homelessness is a more hidden and often misunderstood component of homelessness in Canada. These research papers examine the issue from a variety of perspectives include prevention, intervention and exclusion.

**“Best Practice Interventions for Chronic and Episodically Homeless Families”**

Dr. John Graham and Dr. Christine Walsh, University of Calgary; Meaghan Bell, Sarah Knight, and Katrina Milaney, Calgary Homeless Foundation

**"Transitioning from Domestic Violence to Stability"**

Jan Reimer and Carolyn Goard, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters and Irene Hoffart, Synergy Research

**“Mothers Experiencing Homelessness in Ontario: Social Exclusion, Resistance and Health”**

Sarah Benbow, Cheryl Forchuk, Helene Berman, Catherine Ward-Griffin and Carolyne Gorlick, University of Western Ontario

**“Family Homelessness in Toronto's Inner Suburbs”**

Emily Paradis, Ruth Wilson, and Jennifer Logan, University of Toronto

Research and Policy III-c

**Electronic poster session**

In this electronic version of an academic poster session several presenters will have a few minutes each to share their stories, data, research and ideas via PowerPoint. These quick round-ups are a research version of speed dating or a grown-up version of Show and Tell. Join us for a fun and informative session that captures the highlights of Canadian homelessness research.

5:00 pm –  
6:30 pm

Reception

## Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Morning)

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Plenary <b>(Disponible en français)</b> <b>Louise Casey</b> , Director General, Troubled Families, UK Department of Communities and Local Government
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 am	Refreshment Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions IV</b> <b>Leadership and Planning IV-a</b> <b>Fundamentals of harm reduction</b> <p>One of the more controversial and challenging aspects of Housing First is harm reduction and the principal that housing is not conditional on sobriety or program participation. A harm reduction approach to addiction focuses on keeping people safe and minimizing death, disease and injury associated with higher risk behaviour, while recognizing that the behaviour may continue despite the risks. How to safely house people in the community on a harm reduction basis becomes one of the most challenging aspects of Housing First programs. In this session, presenters will discuss the fundamentals of the harm reduction approach in the housing context, and share some Canadian examples of harm reduction housing.</p> <p>Presenters: Ken Kraybill, Director of t3 Training, Center for Social Innovation (C4). Patty Hajdu, Executive Director, Shelter House Lindsay Klassen, Program Manager, Supportive Housing of Waterloo (SHOW)</p> <b>Leadership and Planning IV-b</b> <b>Access, Assess, Assign &amp; Accountability: building a community coordinated intake and assessment system.</b> <p>Coordinated intake and assessment can help communities make more efficient use of scarce housing resources by: streamlining access to housing and supports for those that need it, reducing new entries to the system through diversion and prevention, prioritizing those with the most acute needs and ensuring people are matched with the right housing and supports. Presenters will discuss how to build a community coordinated intake and assessment system and share examples of those systems in action.</p> <p>Presenters: Tracy Flaherty-Willmott, Senior Associate, OrgCode Consulting Inc. Jaime Rogers, Manager, Homeless &amp; Housing Development Dept., Medicine Hat Community Housing Society</p> <b>Practice IV-a (Disponible en français)</b> <b>Promising practises in ending youth homelessness</b> <p>The National Initiatives Program of Eva's Initiatives supports organizations across Canada developing new programs and models of service for homeless youth and supports capacity building for the youth services sector across Canada with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency for homeless youth. Join Eva's to hear from award winning programs and community approaches focused on ending youth homelessness.</p> <p>Presenters: Maria Crawford, Executive Director, Eva's Initiatives Melanie Redman – Director, National Initiatives, Eva's Initiatives Mary-Jane McKittrick – National Community Development Coordinator, Eva's Initiatives Carmin Mazzotta, Project Manager - Housing and Homelessness, City of Kamloops Bhavana Varma – President and CEO of the United Way Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Mike Lethby - Executive Director of Niagara Resource Service for Youth, The RAFT, St Catherines Marie Eves Plant - Director of Habitations l'Escalier</p>

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Morning - continued)**

10:30 am –  
12:00 pm

**Practice IV-b**

**Key considerations in ending homelessness for Aboriginal peoples**

Aboriginal people are over represented in Canada's homelessness population, even more so among the chronic and episodically homeless. Most Aboriginal people have taken a unique pathway into homelessness (impacted by Residential Schools, generational poverty, trauma and racism) and have unique needs that must be considered in ending their homelessness. This session discusses the unique needs of Aboriginal people and how those needs have been accommodating in successful housing programs in Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Presenters:

Susan McGee, President & CEO, Homeward Trust Edmonton  
Jino Distasio, Site Co-Principal Investigator, MHCC Winnipeg  
Freeman Simard, Chair Lived Experience Circle, Winnipeg MHCC

**Practice IV-c**

**Housing First for survivors of domestic violence**

Housing First for survivors of domestic violence is a recent adaptation of the Housing First model in Canada. In adapting the model special attention needed to be paid to trauma among survivors, ongoing safety concerns as well as the needs of the children involved in addition to mental health and addiction issues. In this session, hear from Canadian pioneers in Housing First for survivors of domestic violence on adapting the Housing First model.

Presenters:

Brigitte Baradoy, Executive Director, Discovery House  
Natasha Carvalho, Executive Director, Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society  
Karen Stone, Executive Director, Alberta Interagency Council on Homelessness

**Research and Policy IV-a**

**Electronic poster session**

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**Research and Policy IV-b**

**Colloquium - The "Other" Half: What the Homelessness Sector can Learn from Feminist Approaches**

Feminist participatory approaches have a lot to teach the broader homelessness sector. From trauma-informed models, to inclusion of people with lived experience, feminist insights have already improved services, research, and advocacy on homelessness – and not only for women. This colloquium offers an opportunity to learn about feminist, participatory innovations in services, research and advocacy, and to consider the importance of a gender lens in the development of new policies and programs.

**"What Actually Works: Emerging Best Practices for Women In Homelessness"**

Sheryl Lindsay, Sistering; Susan Macphail, My Sister's Place; Cindy Smythe, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

**"Establishing Standards to Promote Women's Safety in Homeless Shelters"**

Shawn Bayes, Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver

**"'What Can the Literature Tell Us?' Developing Policy and Program Recommendations to End Women's Homelessness in Canada"**

Ann Decter, Toronto YWCA

**"'Take the story, take the needs, and do something': Grassroots Women's Priorities for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) on Homelessness"**

Emily Paradis, University of Toronto and Janet Mosher, York University

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Morning - continued)**

**Research and Policy IV-c  
Breaking the mould**

The call for abstracts for this conference elicited a huge response from the research community. There were several papers that were excellent, but didn't fit the planned presentation structure. In this session presenters share homelessness research on a number of diverse topics.

**"Caught in Transition? Perspectives of Residents on Transitional Shelters"**

Bernie Pauly, University of Victoria  
Wallace, B. and Janzen, C. Centre for Addictions Research of BC

**"Homelessness and the Business Cycle"**

Ron Kneebone, University of Calgary  
Oksana Grynishak, Calgary Homeless Foundation

**"Homelessness - Social Concern? Health Concern? Both?"**

Dr. Dianne McCormack, University of New Brunswick

**"Housing First in Rural Communities"**

Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff, University of Calgary

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Afternoon)**

12:00 pm –  
1:45 pm

Plated Lunch with Keynote Speaker **(Disponible en français)**  
**Frank O'Dea**, Founder of Second Cup Coffee

2:00 pm –  
3:30 pm

**Concurrent Sessions V**

**Leadership and Planning V-a**

**Building the backbone: effective implementation of 10 Year Plans**

In the lexicon of Collective Impact the backbone organization is a critical player in achieving large scale social change. Experience in Canada and the U.S. is showing the critical role these local and regional lead organizations have in ending homelessness. In this session presenters will outline the role and function of backbone organizations, share examples of organizations leading plans to end homelessness and discuss those plans as living documents with conscious and structured processes for their ongoing evaluation and adaptation.

Presenters:

Liz Weaver, Vice President, Tamarack Institute  
John Rook, President & CEO, Calgary Homeless Foundation  
Karen Stone, Executive Director, Alberta Interagency Council on Homelessness

**Leadership and Planning V-b**

**Managing community transition from crisis response to ending homelessness**

Shifting from managing to ending homelessness creates significant change for everyone involved in homeless services. How to manage this change is one of the first challenges new 10 Year Plan communities face. Learn how other communities have approached this transition, what mistakes they've made and the keys to their success.

Presenters:

Tom Albanese, Senior Associate, Abt Associates  
Susan McGee, President & CEO, Homeward Trust Edmonton

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

2:00 pm –  
3:30 pm

Practice V-a  
**Housing and support for homeless families**

There is very little information available on family homelessness in Canada, but we do know it's a problem in every major Canadian city. This session will explore research, plans and programs from across Canada focused on preventing and ending family homelessness.

Presenters:

Dr. Patrick Hunter, Analyst, Homelessness Partnering Secretariat  
Marie Morrison, Manager Social Planning, Region of Waterloo  
Meaghan Bell, Manager, Research and Policy, Calgary Homeless Foundation  
Dr. Christine Walsh, Assistant Professor, University of Calgary  
Amanda Noble, Manager of Research & Community Initiatives, Raising the Roof

Practice V-b  
**Risk Management for Housing First and harm reduction programs**

A harm reduction approach to addiction focuses on keeping people safe and minimizing death, disease and injury associated with higher risk behaviour, while recognizing that the behaviour may continue despite the risks. How to safely house people in the community on a harm reduction basis becomes one of the most challenging aspects of Housing First and Permanent Supportive Housing programs. Presenters will discuss risk management strategies, policies and practices to support safe and successful harm reduction.

Presenters:

Heather Lyons, Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Bernie Pauly, Associate Professor, School of Nursing University of Victoria; Scientist, Centre For Addictions Research of B.C  
Jodie Foster, Assistant ACT Team Leader, RainCity Housing

Practice V-c  
**Housing First in five Canadian cities: Lessons on developing & implementing Housing First from At Home/Chez Soi (Disponible en français)**

The Mental Health Commission of Canada At Home/Chez Soi project was the world's largest research demonstration project on the effectiveness of Housing First. Conducted in five Canadian cities (Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Moncton) At Home Chez Soi gleaned important learnings on development and implementation of Housing First programs in different forms, with unique local contexts and for different populations. In this session, presenters from the MHCC will share their learnings and offer delegates advice on implementing local Housing First programs.

Presenters:

Paula Goering, Research Lead, MHCC At Home/Chez Soi  
Claudette Bradshaw, Moncton Site Coordinator  
Jimmy Bourque, Co-Researcher, Université de Moncton  
Aseefa Sarang, Executive Director, Across Boundaries  
Vicky Stergiopoulos, Psychiatrist-In-Chief, St. Michael's Hospital

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

2:00 pm –  
3:30 pm

Research and Policy V-a  
**Health, mental health and addictions**

With homeless people dying at a much greater rate than housed populations, suffering from illnesses often correlated with people much older than them, and experiencing a significant rate of mental illness and trauma, these topics are important research areas to move forward in the quest to end homelessness. These papers cover a wide range of health and mental health related issues to provide an overview of key issues in this sector.

**"Underfunding and underfeeding: Meal services for homeless people"**

Tyler Pettes, Naomi Dachner and Valerie Tarasuk, University of Toronto

**"Outcomes and Learnings from the Bell Hotel Supportive Housing Project"**

Catherine Charette, Real Cloutier, Sharon Kuropatwa, and Colleen Metge, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority  
Joanne Warkentin, Province of Manitoba

**"Hospital Discharge Planning as an Intervention to Prevent Homelessness: Perspectives of Hospital Frontline Workers, Homelessness Service Providers, and Housing Operators"**

Dr. Susan Eckerle Curwood, Nick Kerman, Reena Sirohi, and Helen Thang Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

**"Conducting a medical chart review in a homeless mentally ill population: Lessons from the Toronto site of the At Home Study"**

Dr. Stephen Hwang, Centre for Research on Inner City Health, The Keenan Research Centre in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Naheed Dosani and Samantha Young, University of Toronto

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Research and Policy V-b  
**Counting methodologies**

Street counts are considered by some to be a controversial method of counting homeless populations, but at the same time, there is an understanding that to truly understand the problem we need to be able to measure it. This panel will showcase the National Shelter Study, the new National Report Card on Homelessness and highlight one example of counting in a Canadian city.

**"The National Shelter Study: A portrait of homeless shelter use in Canada"**

Aaron Segeart, Homelessness Partnering Secretariat

**"Evaluation of the Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa, 2004-2012"**

Jennifer Rae, University of Ottawa

Tatiana Nouya, University of Ottawa

Aline Maia, Provincial Public Health Department of RN-Brazil

**"State of Homelessness in Canada: The National Report Card"**

Steve Gaetz, Canadian Homelessness Research Network

**"Identifying the Patterns of Shelter Stays of Families in Three Canadian Cities of Different Sizes"**

Tim Aubry, University of Ottawa; Susan Farrell, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group; Stephen Hwang, Centre for Research on Inner City Health, The Keenan Research Centre in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital; & Melissa Calhoun, University of Ottawa.

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (Afternoon - continued)**

2:00 pm –  
3:30 pm

Research and Policy V-c  
**Youth homelessness**

The unique needs of youth who are experiencing homelessness are explored in this panel. Questions to be explored include: What leads youth into homelessness? What type of research is being done to understand their needs? How are youth's voices being heard within service provision design and delivery? How do we prevent homeless youth becoming homeless adults?

**"43% and What About the Other 57%? Seeking Child Welfare Reforms to Prevent Youth Homelessness"**  
Johanna Macdonald, Justice For Children and Youth Legal Aid Clinic

**"Youth Homelessness Research in Alberta: Toward a Provincial Research Agenda"**

Yale Belanger, University of Lethbridge

David French, Youth Homelessness and the Youth Secretariat, Government of Alberta Human Services

Kim Wirth, Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary

**"The agency of design: Incorporating young people's perspectives on the social and physical spaces of homeless-based services"**

Kristy Buccieri, University of Western Ontario

**"From homeless teen to chronically homeless adult: a qualitative study of the impact of childhood events on adult homelessness"**

Stephanie Baker Collins, McMaster University