

REBC Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Zoom

Date: May 26th, 2021	Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Location: Zoom
Attendees:	Angie Bain Eugenie Lam Holly Longstaff Jim Mann Julie Hadden Karin Maiwald Laurel Evans	Mark Barnes Sara O' Shaughnessy Sarah Bennett Sunny Loo Victoria Schuckel
Co-Chairs	Jude Kornelsen, Namaste Marsden	
Ex-Officio:	Alison Orth, Aoife Kelly, Gillian Corless, Jean Ruiz, Paola Pinto Vidal, Hanna Jones Eriksson, Danielle Lavallee	
Regrets:	Terri Fleming, Nicolette McGuire	
Recording Secretary:	Aoife Kelly	
Guest:	Stirling Bryan	

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Welcome	Jude Kornelsen welcomed the Advisory Council to the meeting and acknowledged the territory she is based on. Jude also welcomed new REBC Staff member Hanna Jones Eriksson, <i>Research Ethics Harmonization Facilitator</i> .		
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes were reviewed and accepted.	No additions or changes	Proposed by Holly Longstaff, Seconded by Karin Maiwald
Outstanding actions	Updates were provided on the outstanding action items from the minutes.	For information only	

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Update on BCAHSN/MSFHR Consolidation	Stirling Bryan, CEO of BCAHSN, provided an update on the BCAHSN/MSFHR consolidation.	For Information Only	
Priority Updates			
	<p>1. Support the long-term goal of a provincially resourced Indigenous board of review for Indigenous research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote best practice for research ethics review of First Nation's/Indigenous research studies <p>Namaste Marsden spoke to the idea of Research Ethics BC supporting the long-term goal of having an Indigenous Board of review for Indigenous research, with an emphasis on First Nations who have jurisdiction over research in the province, and the role of REBC in promoting a co-creation model of ethics review, consolidating expertise and promoting best practices e.g. Cowichan tribes study with Island Health.</p> <p>The Council discussed that this is an opportunity for collaboration within REBC's network and that a potential Indigenous Research Ethics Board could coordinate engagement with specific communities where the research is taking place.</p> <p>An update was provided on the Indigenous Research Ethics Working Group, which is still being formed.</p> • Workshop on Cultural Safety <p>A workshop is taking place on June 14th on Cultural Safety & Humility. This workshop is for REBs, REBA and The Advisory Council.</p> • Engagement activities to co-create 'questions' in ethics applications <p>Gillian Corless spoke to the Indigenous questions in the ethics application and the plan to engage with Indigenous communities, which consists of online sharing circles in collaboration with IRSI, and speaking to institutions e.g. UVic who have recently redone their Indigenous questions.</p> <p>There were suggestions to get in touch with CIRCLE at UVic, and to publish the results of the process.</p> 		

	<p>2. Facilitate and improve a streamlined research ethics review process in BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-COVID Interdisciplinary Care Clinical Network (PC-ICCN) model for harmonized review <p>An update was provided on the ongoing work of the PC-ICCN and using a model of direct reciprocity for the studies that come out of these clinics.</p> • Communities of Practice Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical Research Ethics Community of Practice <p>This group is chaired by Sara O’ Shaughnessy and has 15 members including REBA, REB Chairs and patient/public partners. The group meets monthly to share experiences and discuss best practices with the aim of improvement and consistency in approach.</p> ○ REBA Community of Practice <p>An update was provided on the REBA Zoom call which takes place every 3 weeks for the purposes of connecting with other network members and sharing experiences and advice.</p> ○ REB Chairs <p>It was suggested that a Community of Practice be set up for REB Chairs. It is important to be flexible in how this CoP functions as REB Chairs are stretched thin. An online space/listserv or hybrid approach may be more feasible for communication and connection between Chairs.</p> • Develop and/or revise provincial ‘Guidance Notes’ and REB SOPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determination of capacity when administering informed consent. <p>Jim Mann presented on the question of what constitutes “lack of capacity”. The group spoke to the legal and medical determinations of lack of capacity. It was also noted that the consent form for research needs a substantive review, and that patient partners should be included in this process. Guidance around the term “ongoing consent” and what that means would be an excellent resource that REBC could develop. Megan Ames from UVic had a good example of a consent form in her presentation at REBC’s Symposium in October.</p> 	<p>For Information</p> <p>It was suggested that REBC publicly list their CoPs and advertise the opportunity for network members to join.</p> <p>Development of guidance around “ongoing consent”.</p>	<p>Ex-Officio</p>
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AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Victoria Shuckel informed the Council that Nicolette McGuire had moved on from her role at the Ministry of Health. 2. Concerns were brought up around potentially triggering content in the TCPS2 Core Tutorial. The Indigenous curriculum is also not part of the Core tutorial, so FNHA recommends TCPS2, OCAP and San'yas Training to researchers they are working with. It is on the radar of REBC to think about alternative ethics training. The new tutorial that comes out in October may address these issues. 	Discussion around Ministry representation on the Advisory Council.	Terri Fleming, Jude Kornelsen & Namaste Marsden
Meeting adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 1.58pm by the Chair.		Namaste Marsden