

COWICHAN TRIBES:

Case study of community-led research and ethics review



Date: February 27, 2023 **Time:** 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. PST

Where: Zoom

About the session: Learn about how institutional REBs can support Indigenous community-led research ethics reviews by joining this session to discuss how it was done for a research project about preterm births in Quw'utsun (Cowichan).

This event will be of interest to REB members, REB administrators, Indigenous advisors to REBs, researchers, research administrators and Indigenous community members.

SPEAKERS

QUW'UTSUN ELDER LYDIA SEYMOUR



Lydia is a mom of two, grandma of four, and a great grandma to many. She has decades of work experience in health care. She worked as an LPN in early child and infant development at Cowichan District Hospital for 10 years. She also worked at Quw'utsun Tribes Ts'ewulhtun Health Centre for over 20 years, where she worked in early childhood education as well as in the role of Community Health Representative. She has worked on many health projects as Quw'utsun Elder, including work on harm reduction and as an Elder advisor for several research projects: Quw'utsun Preterm Birth Study and the Vaccine Hesitancy Study.

QUW'UTSUN ELDER DOREEN PETER



Doreen is a mother of four, grandmother of twelve and great grandmother to three. She is a previous health care worker with Cowichan Tribes, Ts'ewulhtun Health Center, and newly retired after 31 years of service. Doreen is currently involved as an Elder advisor to many different committees such as substance abuse and harm reduction, focus groups on baby wellness, and preterm birth research. She also works with the BC First Nations Health Authority on short video productions on education on cultural safety in First Nations communities, and how to utilize Cultural teachings and embed teachings into programs.

SHERRI POOYAK



Sherri is of Cree ancestry from Sweetgrass First Nation, Saskatchewan and now lives in her home territory of Treaty Six in Saskatoon, SK. Her day job as a Community-Based Research Manager (CBRM) for with the AHA Centre a program of the Canadian Alliances And Networks, she assists Indigenous communities in developing their research agenda and bridges capacities that are specific to HIV and AIDS.

LYNSEY JOHNNY

Lynsey Johnny is a mother and community member of Cowichan Tribes. She works as a Special Projects Worker in Social Development with Cowichan Tribes in addition to her role as a research advisory committee member with the Quw'utsun Preterm Birth Study.

EUGENIA TINOCO



Born in Forks, Washington, Eugenia's mother is Bernice Johnny, a Cowichan Tribes member whose parents are also Cowichan Tribes members. Eugenia's two sisters and brother are Cowichan Tribes members as well. She is mother to three children and works for Cowichan Tribes in addition to her role as a research advisory committee member with this Preterm Birth study.

JENNIFER MURRAY



Jennifer is a PhD Candidate at UBC's School of Population and Public Health and a part of the UBC Public Scholars Initiative. She aims to become a community-based researcher, focusing on perinatal health and Indigenous Health. Previously at FNHA as a Research Advisor, Jennifer is now a trainee with the Quw'utsun Preterm Birth Study. This year, she is also working with Island Health as a Health System Impact Fellow, focusing on preterm birth among Indigenous communities across the region. Jennifer is a White settler and aims to listen and learn.

BRENDA YUEN



Brenda Yuen is a settler living on the unceded territory of the Quw'utsun people. She is second generation Chinese and her family are from Hong Kong and Macau. She joined the research team at Ts'ewulhtun Health Centre in November 2021 as a Research Advisor on the Preterm Study Project: Far Too Many Preterm Births in Cowichan Tribes. She is also a lawyer with 7 years of practice experience and recently finished her Masters in Law program.

MODERATOR: E. SARAH BENNETT



Sarah has held positions with research ethics offices at several major institutions in BC over her 15-year career in research ethics and administrative leadership. In addition to her position as Manager, Research Ethics & Compliance at Island Health, she is Past Chair of the Advisory Council for Research Ethics BC (REBC). She served as a co-Director on CAREB-ACCER, the Canadian Association for Research Ethics Boards. An engaged and committed leader, Sarah brings her experience to the work at Island Health and supporting the research community for participant-centred research ethics.

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