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To: Ontario Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Community of Practice

Re: First meeting of the Ottawa Chapter, KTECoP

It is with pleasure that I report on the first meeting of the Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Community of Practice.

This meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm. It was hosted at the Knowledge Inspired Creativity Centre (KICC -Workshop 13B) of Knowledge Mobilization Works at 2285 St. Laurent Boulevard in Ottawa. The final attendees departed at approximately 6:30 pm.

In attendance were 14 people – (in order they signed the attendance sheet):

Chris Murray	Openhand
Michael Stephens	Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
Anne Brassat-Latulippe	Canadian Health Services Research Foundation
Jennifer Verma	Canadian Health Services Research Foundation
Gray Daniels	Knowledge Mobilization Works
Brandy Hamilton	Knowledge Mobilization Works
Jenny Green	Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
Tracy Luciani	Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
Barb Medlar	Public Health Agency of Canada
Rod Olfert	Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
Deirdre Luesby	Seniors Health Research Transfer Network
Lorie Root	Public Health Agency of Canada
Nadine Kolas	Health Canada
Peter N. Levesque	Knowledge Mobilization Works (Meeting Chair)

There were also a half dozen regrets.

As this was the inaugural meeting, a celebratory toast was offered and we engaged in a roundtable to introduce ourselves, interests, and expectations for regular meetings of the Ottawa Chapter of the KTECoP.

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There was a wide diversity of interests, however several themes emerged. Those in attendance recommended that the Ottawa Chapter build on the work that has been accomplished in Toronto. There was appreciation of the background document provided describing how the KTECoP developed.

The preference was for a “hybrid format” of learning and discussion. It was also recommended that the hosting of meetings be rotated among member organizations - so that we may learn from each other’s experience. A frequency of meeting every 6-8 weeks was suggested.

Subjects considered to be of high interest include:

- Evaluating knowledge transfer and exchange
- The use of social media to support knowledge transfer and exchange
- Networks
- Examination of case studies of effective practice and/or failures and lessons learned
- The use of frameworks and their incorporation into the mandates of organizations
- Research gaps
- People and skills

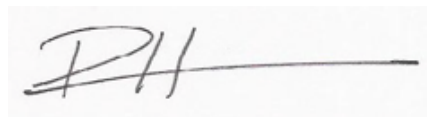
There was also discussion of what makes communities of practice successful, how to address risk management issues, the role of foresight exercises, the cultural and behavioural shifts necessary for KTE, and the use of graphic design in KTE.

Overall, I would consider this a successful first event. There is plenty of interest in Ottawa, lots of enthusiasm, and interesting people looking to develop both the practice and theory of knowledge transfer and exchange.

The next meeting will likely be held in mid-June at a venue to be determined.

It was a privilege to host and I look forward to the ongoing learning.

Sincerely,

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