NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGE & Building Inclusive Communities From Within

Research Partnership: Trends, Processes, Consequences, Interventions

NCRP Board of Directors Meeting #3 Summary

23 April 2013
via teleconference, 2pm EST

Participants: David Hulchanski (Chair), David Ley, Mamie Hutt-Temoana, Ivan Townshend, Annick Germain, Bob Murdie, Michelynn Laflèche, Jill Grant, Alan Walks, Kathleen Gallagher, Emily Paradis (minutes).

Regrets: Jino Distasio, Leanne Holt, Valerie Preston.

Updates

1. Review and report-back on action items from previous meeting (David H.) See document: *Board Meeting #2, January 2013, Summary*

- CMA leaders' teleconference: Postponed until Calgary, Winnipeg and Halifax get started with their analysis. David H. is available to join local CMA meetings by phone for advice & info.
- Filling empty Board seat: New Board member Mamie Hutt-Temoana from Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (ANHBC) is joining the meeting today.
- Post-doc: The person under consideration has accepted a position elsewhere. For now we will continue to only consider post-docs as opportunities arise.
- Governance document: To be deferred again. If the Board is enlarged (see item below), it will need to be changed. Jill Grant may have other substantive issues to raise.

2. Project update (David H)

- The project is where it was expected to be at this stage: CMA census data has been mapped, joint analysis is underway, and proposals are beginning to be funded (Vancouver and Halifax).
- Budget Year One ended March 31; the update is being prepared and will be circulated. We finished the year well below budget, with money left over for the current year.

3. Detailed Statistical Analysis of CMAs: update (Bob M and Ivan T)

- There are many technical considerations at this stage.
- Testing various methods, all appear to be producing comparable results.

- Ivan and Bob are mapping results. Richard M. will produce final versions using NCRP base maps.

→ Once the maps are ready to circulate, a teleconference will be scheduled to seek CMA leader input into developing analysis from what's on the ground.

4. CMA & partner updates

- **Halifax**: Have received maps and plan May working group meeting about interpretation. Planning to request data / maps on median family income over time (2010 tax filer data does not include household income), because individual income does not account for changes over time in household size. There will be a student working on the project this summer.
- **Montreal**: The Montreal report was released April 11 and received some local media attention. Damaris R is currently on sabbatical.
- **Toronto**: The *Three Cities* report focused on the City of Toronto; now analysis has begin on trends in the rest of the CMA, currently Peel and York regions. The Toronto team includes working groups on several themes: Tower Neighbourhoods and Immigrant Settlement; Age-Friendly Neighbourhoods; Urban Youth, Schooling, and Criminalization; and Neighbourhood Collective Efficacy. One co-investigator has produced a draft proposal and there are several others in development. Alan W. and David H. are partners with United Way Toronto's new income inequality project.
- **Calgary**: A meeting will soon be held with Eric Cook (former City of Calgary, now on Poverty Reduction coalition). Other possible partnerships are in development. Some students' projects relate to the focus of the NCRP: mapping poverty in Calgary, and developing measures of segregation for visible minorities in all CMAs.
- **Vancouver**: The team met in February to develop its internal review process and review its first proposal. This proposal, *The Skytrain Poverty Corridor*, has now been approved by the NCRP Board and is undergoing UBC ethical review. Neighbourhood Houses in each study neighbourhood will collaborate.
- **ANHBC**: Working with the Neighbourhood Houses to get them ready to participate in the Vancouver study.
- **UWT**: Income inequality working group to produce documents in collaboration with NCRP, starting with defining terms for educated public.

5. SSHRC Milestone Report and partner contribution reports (Emily)

- All partners have provided information on their in-kind contributions this year for a report to SSHRC due April 30. Board members will receive a copy.
- Milestone report due end may sets out benchmarks for Mid-Term SSHRC review

Issues for Discussion

6. Vancouver meeting May 2014

- The International Federation of Settlements will host its conference May 5-9 2014 at SFU Harbour Centre, with 300 delegates expected from across Canada, the US, Europe and China. Mamie H-T is vice-president of IFS and the Vancouver conference organizer. http://www.ifsnetwork.org/
- NCRP could participate in the planned research component (still to be defined). The group discussed whether it would make sense to meet again only 8 months after the October 2013 meeting. Another option is for some NCRP members to attend and present at IFS. There is concern about balancing costs of dissemination and networking activities with importance of whole-team meetings.

→ David H. and Mamie H-T will discuss further and contact the team about presentation opportunities.

7. Next in-person meeting, October 17, 18 & 19 2013, Toronto

- This will offer an opportunity to present and discuss emerging findings, and start to plan for qualitative and comparative projects.
- Still to determine which partners, team members to invite beyond Board.

→ Emily P. to contact Board members for input into rationale and agenda for meeting.

8. Proposal to enlarge the Board of Directors

- David H. proposed enlarging the Board to 17, in order to include one partner from each CMA (the Board already includes partners from Vancouver and Toronto).
- Agreed. Each CMA leader will nominate their local partner representative and inform David and Emily.

9. Partner representatives as NCRP "collaborators"

- SSHRC has informed the project that partner representatives must have the SSHRC status of "collaborator" in order to have the NCRP cover their travel expenses for project meetings. This entails some SSHRC paperwork for each partner.

→ Emily will assist partners with this process, starting with Board members. CMA leads will be copied on her correspondence to their local partners.

Documents are available under: ABOUT / Documents for Research Team
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