

BC Health Research Connection Project



JULY 2018 UPDATE

The Provincial Platform has a new name! REACH is coming soon!



A mock-up of the provincial website, REACH, the new name of the provincial platform.

Key Accomplishments to Date

- Developed a communications plan for marketing and public relations to launch the platform
- Developed a logic model for outcomes and evaluation
- Participated at the Fraser Health Research Week (June 15th) and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute Her Health Dialogue (June 20th)



Stefanie Cheah at the Fraser Health Research Week (left) and the VCHRI Her Health Dialogue.

Upcoming Project Activities

- Continued development and refinement of platform functions
- Planning testing sessions with a prototype platform with pilot sites and patient partners
- Finalize Standard Operating Procedures and training materials for researchers
- Development of outcomes evaluation plan

How will success be measured?

With stakeholder input, we have drafted the following expected outcomes for the logic model:

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Short-term (0 – 6 months)

1. Strengthened partnerships with community groups, research institutions, and health authorities.
2. Increased interest and utilization of REACH by patients/public and researchers.
3. Better visibility and access to diverse research opportunities.
4. Connecting patients/public to research opportunities of their interest.

Intermediate (6 months – 2 years)

1. Better facilitation of patient-oriented research opportunities.
2. Increased interest and utilization of REACH by patients/public and researchers.
3. More people participating in health research.
4. Better support for researchers to recruit and enrol people into their research studies.

Long-term (> 2 years)

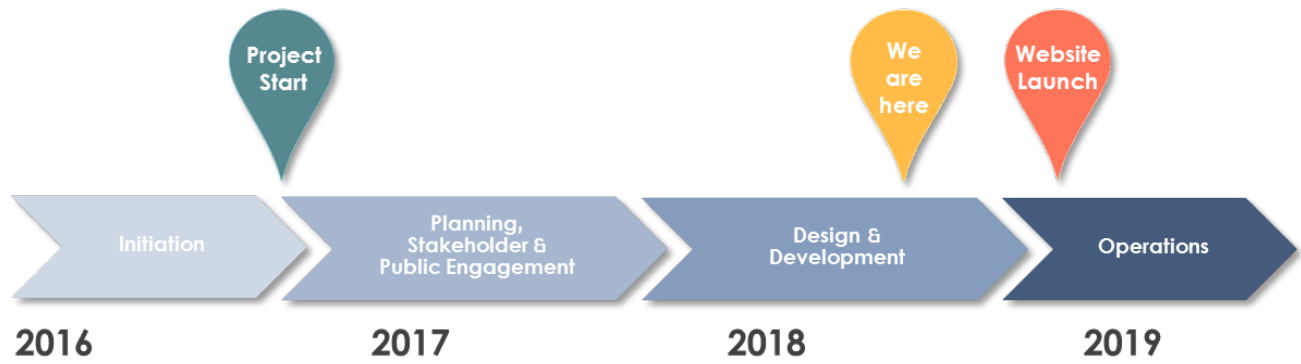
1. Improved quality of research results.
2. More health research is directed by patient involvement.
3. Increased diversity of populations engaged in research.
4. More completed clinical trials in British Columbia.

Welcome Amanda Chisholm, Project Manager



Amanda is the new project manager for the BC Health Research Connection Project while Stefanie will be on maternity leave starting in August 2018. Amanda completed her MSc and PhD at the University of Toronto in Rehabilitation Sciences. She moved to Vancouver to continue her training as a postdoctoral fellow at the International Collaboration On Repair Discoveries. Her work has involved designing and implementing research studies to develop clinical tools and test the impact of gait-training strategies for people living with neurological injuries.

Timeline



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