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WIP participants are expected to meet certain commitments. Participants are expected to attend all WIPS and to review documents in advance of the session. Come prepared with written comments, and to engage in thoughtful, constructive discussion at the session. This preparation will allow the session to consist mostly of discussion.

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**Member List:** Nancy Edwards; Benita Cohen; Christine Kurtz-Landy; Colleen Davison; Dawn Smith; Dominique Tremblay; Eulalia Kahwa; Jo-Anne MacDonald; Josephine Etowa; Kathleen Benjamin; Kathryn Clinton; Michelle Giroux; Phyllis Montgomery; Susan Eldred; Tammy Armstrong; Theresa Grant; Wendy Peterson, Candace Lind, Beverly Kelley, Pamela Juma
Biographies

Dr. Nancy Edwards, RN, PhD is a Professor in the School of Nursing, University of Ottawa; Director of the Community Health Research Unit; Principal Scientist, Institute of Population Health; Director, Nursing Research Group, Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute. Dr. Edwards obtained her undergraduate nursing degree from the University of Windsor and completed graduate studies in epidemiology and biostatistics at McMaster University and McGill University. Nancy is the holder of a CHSRF/CIHR Chair Award 2000 in Nursing. The focus of her Chair award is “Multiple Interventions in Community Health Nursing Care”. She is the recipient of the 2004 CASN (Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing) research award. Nancy is Vice-Chair of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Governing Council.

Nancy’s clinical and research interests are in the field of community health. She has worked in a variety of settings including Canada (Newfoundland and Ontario), Pakistan, Sierra Leone, and China. In Canada, she has led qualitative and quantitative studies tackling issues such as fall prevention for seniors, postpartum follow-up, mammography screening, and smoking cessation. Internationally she has led studies on reducing exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, examining the effectiveness of grassroots training programs to reduce maternal and child mortality and tackling nurses involvement in policy change for HIV/AIDS. Through her involvement in Teaching Health Units, the Community Health Research Unit and international projects, Nancy has become increasingly involved in studies examining the dissemination and uptake of research evidence. This year the University of Ottawa was pleased to announce Nancy Edwards as the recipient of the 2006-2007 University of Ottawa Award for Excellence in Research. Nancy received the Woman of Distinction award for Science, Research and Technology from the YMCA and YWCA; and received an honorary doctorate from Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C. in 2007.

Dr. Josephine Etowa is a faculty member at Dalhousie University School of Nursing. She holds a Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) Postdoctoral Fellowship under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Edwards and Dr Linda O’Brien Pallas. Her employment history span across international, diversity and community development issues. She has diverse midwifery and nursing background, which dates back to her career as a midwife and a Public health nurse in Nigeria. In Canada, Dr. Etowa has worked in a number of capacities including as a nurse, an educator, a lactation consultant and a community-based, and academic researcher. As a founding member and past chair of the Health Association of African Canadians (HAAC), she has been involved in a number of community development initiatives to improve knowledge about African Canadians’ health. Dr. Etowa has completed a number of funded research projects in the area of minority health, childbirth and immigrant women’s health using qualitative research methods such as grounded theory and participatory action research.
In acknowledgement of the need to increase diversity within nursing, the goal of Dr. Etowa’s postdoctoral work is broaden her knowledge and the collaborative skills in the areas of conducting research and effectively communicating it in ways that foster appropriate changes in minority populations’ health service delivery and in the policies that guide the health care system.
**Dr. Phyllis Montgomery** is working an associate professor in the department of nursing at Laurentian University. She is conducting her postdoctoral work with her supervisors Nancy Edwards (University of Ottawa) and Cheryl Forchuk (London Health Science Centre). Dr. Montgomery's decision-making partner will be Marion Quigley of the Sudbury Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Her program will focus on women's mental health services issues, especially related to how women's mental health policies are developed and on exploring gaps in services between policy and need.

**Dr. Benita Cohen** is an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba with the faculty of nursing. Her doctoral research explored capacity for population health promotion in several of Manitoba’s regional health authorities. Benita’s overall research program is focused on building the capacity of the Public Health sector to reduce social inequities in health. Current research activities include exploring the role of public health nurses in addressing child and family poverty, and the role of Public Health advocacy related to social justice and equity. Her post-doctoral program will involve continued work in these areas.

**Colleen MacLean Davison** is originally from Washabuck, Nova Scotia and is currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. She obtained a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Glasgow, Scotland and undergraduate degrees in Natural Science, Outdoor Recreation and Education from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Ms. Davison is a certified teacher with experience teaching in a number of local and international locations including northern Canada. Her doctoral research is a community-based study exploring environmental influences on school engagement among youth in the Tlicho First Nation community of Behchoko, NWT. Her current research interests include education and employment as social determinants of adolescent health, ethnographic methodologies, critical and ecological theory and the concept of social justice in the public health arena.

**Dr. Christine Kurtz-Landy** is an assistant professor in the school of nursing at McMaster University. Christine is a CHSRF postdoctoral fellow and she will conduct her postdoctoral award with her supervisors Harriet MacMillan (McMaster University) and Nancy Edwards (University of Ottawa). Dr. Kurtz Landy's decision-maker partners will be Debbie Sheehan from Public Health Services, City of Hamilton, and Vasanthi Srinivasan from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Her program will focus on the development and testing of community-based interventions to prevent intimate partner violence.

**Dr. Dominique Tremblay** will conduct her postdoctoral work at the University of Ottawa with her supervisor Nancy Edwards. Ms. Tremblay's decision-maker partners will be Antoine Loutfi and Jean Latreille in the Cancer Directorate of the Quebec Ministry of Health. Her program will focus on relevant methods to understand how organizational innovations suggested in the Quebec cancer program translate into practices at professional, institutional, and regional levels and affect responsiveness to patients' needs with cancer.

**Dr. Dawn Smith** is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Ottawa. Prior to this appointment she taught and mentored independent student projects in community health, influencing societal change, and nursing research with the Collaborative Nursing Program of B.C., and at Dalhousie University. ‘Health for all’ has been her enduring passion in nursing. Her work as a community health nurse in Canadian and international settings focused on community development and
health promotion with vulnerable groups such as Aboriginal, displaced and immigrant populations. Dr. Smith currently teaches community health nursing in the undergraduate nursing program. Her doctoral research examined two Aboriginal organizations' experiences improving care for pregnant and parenting Aboriginal people. She also completed a complementary study examining models for transferring knowledge to improve health policy and practice with Aboriginal communities. She is a principal investigator on a community-based research project to improve organizational and provider capacity to deliver safe and responsive maternal child health interventions in Aboriginal communities. She is co-investigator on community health research projects focusing on: a) fall prevention in Aboriginal communities; b) developing a framework for international Aboriginal health indicators. Upcoming research and knowledge translation initiatives will examine models for facilitating quality nursing care in urban, rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

La professeure Michelle Giroux est professeure de droit à la faculté de droit, section de droit civil et elle enseigne aussi au programme de doctorat en santé des populations de l’Université d’Ottawa. Elle est spécialiste du droit de la famille et de bioéthique et droit, plus particulièrement des sujets suivants: garde d'enfants, procréations médicalement assistées, droit fondamental de connaître ses origines biologiques et consentement aux soins médicaux. Elle travaille présentement avec la Dr. Nancy Edwards et VON Canada, sur la sécurité du patient et les soins à domicile, dans le cadre d’une bourse octroyée par la FCRSS/CHSRF.

Dr. Eulalia Kahwa is a lecturer at the UWI School of Nursing, Mona, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. Eulalia’s research interests are in the areas of nutrition, cardiovascular disease, asthma, and educational research. She is the Principal Investigator of the Jamaica Asthma & Allergies National Prevalence Study, and a co-Principal Investigator of the program of research, “Strengthening Nurses’ Capacity for HIV Policy Development in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean”. She was a 2005 alumni of Dr. Nancy Edwards’ summer research internship. Eulalia will be at the University of Ottawa as a visiting scholar from September-November 2007.

Kathryn Clinton is conducting her doctoral research under the supervision of Nancy Edwards. Her thesis will investigate the relevance and application of a set of process criteria (propositions) and key context factors to school-based multiple intervention programs focused on healthy living and obesity prevention. A multiple case study design will be used to assess the linkage between process effectiveness and contextual fit. Findings will inform and guide decision makers, school personnel and practitioners in the effective development, implementation and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of school-based healthy living and obesity prevention initiatives.

Dr. Wendy Peterson is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, University of Ottawa. Wendy completed her doctoral studies in Nursing at McMaster University in 2004. Her thesis investigated adolescent mothers’ experiences and satisfaction with postpartum nursing care using quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Wendy’s clinical experience is in high-risk obstetrics and neonatal intensive care. She holds a CIHR Strategic Training Fellowship with the Transdisciplinary Understanding and Training on Research--Primary Health Care (TUTOR) program. Wendy’s emerging program of research seeks: (a) to understand collaborative maternity care at multiple levels of the health care system (provider/client, interdisciplinary, intersectoral); and (b) to determine multiple interventions (multi-level, multi-strategy) to improve collaboration in the context of maternity care for vulnerable populations.
Jo-Anne MacDonald has just completed her first year of the PhD of Nursing program at the University of Ottawa. She has worked in labor and delivery, Victorian Order of Nurses, federal prison, youth health centres, and public health. Her research interests include public health capacity, audit and feedback processes, and program and policy decision-making. Jo-Anne’s PhD studies will involve research to explore the role reporting systems and feedback processes as a means to influence program and policy decisions among decision-makers at various system levels.

Tammy Armstrong graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in 1991 with a Nursing Diploma. Since that time she has been practising in a variety of settings. These settings have included a correctional facility, acute care hospitals, homecare and primary care in both Canada and the United States. Graduating from State University of New York at Buffalo in September 2001 Tammy obtained an Advanced Honours BS/MS degree, and designation as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the state of New York. Since that time she has obtained national status as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the U.S. and Extended Class status in Ontario.

Over the last 6 years Tammy has taught a variety of nursing courses, including acute care nursing practice and evidence-base practice courses at Loyalist College in Belleville. She has also spent time practicing as an RN(EC) at a small rural health care centre in Havelock, Ontario. Tammy is a Best Practice Champion. Tammy’s major area of research interest relates to the socio-ecological features of knowledge translation, more specifically the uptake of evidence in rural healthcare facilities.

Kathleen Benjamin is currently a doctoral candidate in nursing at the University of Ottawa under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Edwards. Her doctoral thesis, which builds upon her Master’s thesis, will look at how multi-level policies and ideologies influence nurses in promoting physical activity for older adults living in long-term care. Kathleen’s clinical and research interests are physical activity, fall prevention, older adults, community and long-term care. In July 2006, she completed the Ontario Training Centre Diploma Program in Heath Services and Policy Research. Prior to starting her doctoral studies in 2005, Kathleen was employed as a research assistant for nursing at the Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute and is a member of the EBRI Nurse Collaborative Research Group. She participated in several nurse led research projects during her stay at the EBRI and was a co-principle investigator in a study that examined organizational and environmental factors that influence the physical activity levels of older adults living in long-term care. She was awarded a 1-year research fellowship from the Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute in 2005 and received study awards from the Community Health Research Unit, The Alumnae Association of the Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal) Training School for Nurses, and the University of Ottawa, Graduate Admission Scholarship.

Theresa Grant has completed 4 years of the Ph.D. program in Population Health at the University of Ottawa. Her general research interest is aging and mobility and her doctoral research focuses on neighbourhood walkability of outdoor built environments for seniors. Theresa is also a physiotherapist at the Sisters of Charity Health Service and a research fellow at the Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute. Her past research has investigated balance retraining after stroke and fall prevention in the elderly. Currently Theresa is working on a project that examines intersectoral perspectives on walkability and the associated social-political processes.

Outstanding bios: Susan Eldred and Pamela Juma