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Asking the Right Questions



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Welcome and Land Acknowledgement



Agenda

- the statement of reciprocity
- small group discussions of research questions within our research themes (short-term)
- small group discussions of research questions within our research themes (longer-term)
- sharing short-term research questions with whole group
- theory of change

Statement of Commitment and Reciprocity

- In everything we do together through the SPECTRUM partnership, we are committed to using decolonizing and anti-oppressive approaches. While such approaches are inherent in SPECTRUM's values, they must also stand on their own, explicitly stated, as part of our shared commitment to how we work together. We commit to taking concrete steps and actions to support this framework. The **SEEK (Space for Emerging and (re)Emerging Knowledges)** Working Group carries the responsibility for leading this work which is iterative and depends upon our relationships of trust. We will return to this work each time we gather. All of us come to SPECTRUM with different levels of knowledge, and experience with colonialism and oppression, and we must seek out ways to work together to reach consensus, recognizing that each of us has a piece of the truth.

SPECTRUM Priority Research Themes



Working Groups

- SPECTRUM Research Questions (shorter-term)
 - Involve data from the repository
 - Are important to members of the community they impact
 - Will provide evidence that can result in action
 - Policy change – government, institution, organizational
 - Program development
- What do those in the community envision as solving/improving problems within the theme?
- What actions need to happen to reach this vision?
- How can data from the repository help achieve this vision?



Coffee Break

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Working Groups

- SPECTRUM Research Questions (Longer term)
 - Involve data not currently in the repository or require additional partnerships/expertise
 - Are important to members of the community they impact
 - Will provide evidence that can result in action
 - Policy change – government, institution, organizational
 - Program development

Coming back together

- Housing:
 - Descriptive analyses of folks who are discharged from institutions (e.g., incarceration, hospitals, CFS, etc.) and accepted into social housing after that – what those folks look like and looking at those outcomes over time.
 - Looking at how we can inform how policies prioritize who gets accepted into social housing – how characteristics of this population have changed over time and what programs currently exist to support people who are using social housing and if they are meeting the needs of those who use social housing.
 - Longer-term goals: need more data – include information for Not-For-Profits and other organizations (e.g., End Homelessness Winnipeg).
- Mental Health/Addictions.
 - Nothing about us, without us.
 - Where are folks with lived experience in focusing the research questions.
 - Data gaps.
 - Need for queer and 2S+ folks because of high rates of mental health, overdose, and suicide events among youth.
 - Lots of focus on youth mental health outcomes.

Coming back together

- Basic Income.
 - Primary issue – there is no basic income in Canada so cannot study with data – there are similar programs (e.g., Child Benefit Program, Healthy Baby).
 - Limitations in data – folks living in low income often face barriers for filing taxes – potential gaps in data.
 - Looking at how much money is being unclaimed – there are resources available, but who is and who is not getting them?
 - Pilot project – connecting with organizations to administer.
 - Is there really need to be doing this research? There is so much basic income research that exists but there is still a lot of disinformation/misinformation about this.
 - Framing research questions carefully/cautiously.
 - Indicators pre- and post-COVID.
 - Challenges – no access to tax filing data in MB – looking at alternative datasets.
 - Idea that any study on basic income – build into project the cost of doing a poverty simulation through an organization.
 - Three cohorts: long-term EIA/social assistance users, *?
 - Looking at things like reductions in incarcerations.
 - Barriers to tax filing – connecting with organizations interested in addressing this.
 - Pilot programs – United Way?
 - If we look at Stats Canada data holdings, they have tax files linked to hospitalizations, community health survey, immigration, and many other datasets at the national level.

Coming back together

- CFS.
 - Recent amendments to the CFSA Act – some are progressive (more towards kinship placements and limiting timeline of temporary orders).
 - Family liaison workers, Ma Mawi family group conferencing.
 - Suggested that a study could look at the impact of these changes.
 - Making sure that data and research is translated so useful to folks working in community.
 - How data will be affected by self-governing agencies.
 - Different agencies may have different definitions for things – important to get provincial-wide picture.
 - Block funding – allowed authorities to fund projects in creative ways, don't know impact of programs.
 - Longer-term:
 - Cohort of 60s scoop survivors and also white babies who were adopted – compare outcomes (access to data may be challenging).
 - Who is referring to CFS and have the intake patterns shifted? Can we help promote reaching out for support rather than immediately reporting?
 - Birth alert practices – ended in July 2020 – follow-up study on before and after.
 - Indigenous Birth Sovereignty/returning birth to communities – could this impact kids in care?

Theory of Change

Research

- Champion equitable research by fostering diverse partnerships to address wicked problems

Partnership Governance

- Deliberate attention to a decolonized governance structure, seek insight and knowledge from community to drive decision-making and increase community autonomy

KM and Capacity building

- Co-create knowledge that is relevant and accessible to communities

Broader Impact / Vision

- What vision do you have for the SPECTRUM Partnership
 - Not specific to individual research projects but the partnership as a whole
 - Disney: To make people happy.
 - Ben & Jerry's: Making the best ice cream the nicest way.
 - Amazon: Our vision is to be earth's most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online.
- We would like everyone to write their short vision on a post-it note and place them on the West (wood panel) wall

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KEEP SHARING YOUR PHOTOS AND YOUR THOUGHTS!

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