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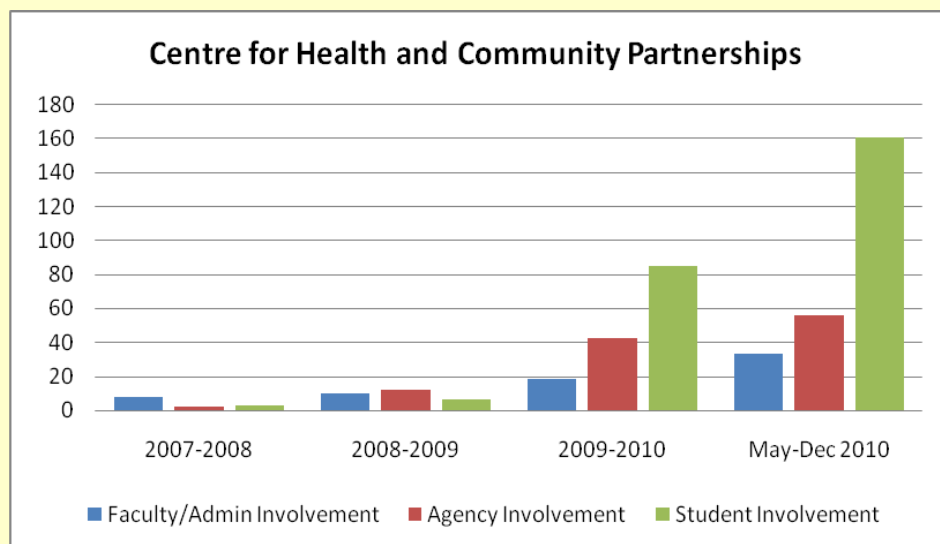
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## About the CHCP

The Centre serves as a hub for linking students and faculty with the community in interdisciplinary service - learning, community-based research and health promotion projects.

The goal of the Centre is to develop partnerships that promote healthy communities.

## We're Growing!



### Potential Projects: We are seeking interested faculty and students for three projects:

- Healthy Babies (Fraser Health): developing a program for toddlers accompanying their mothers to Health Babies programs in the Tri-Cities
- Vaccination Awareness Program (Meningitis) for the College community
- Food Skills for Families: become community facilitators in this Canadian Diabetes Program to promote and educate families on how to eat and cook healthy foods

Please contact us at [chcp@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:chcp@douglas.bc.ca) if you are interested in these or other projects.

## On-going Projects:

### Health Literacy:

*“The ability to access, understand, evaluate and communicate information as a way to promote, maintain and improve health in a variety of settings across the life-course.”*  
Canadian Expert Panel on Health Literacy



### Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre and Psychiatric Nursing:

Psychiatric Nursing faculty, **Maria Bishop**, partnered with the Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre (<http://keltymentalhealth.ca/>) to find appropriate mental health resources for their library.

**Public Libraries, DVST and BSN Program:** BSN faculty, **Susan Hammond** and her students are working with the **Surrey Public Library** to learn about the health education needs of library patrons. They will then organize information sessions and develop educational materials that are easy to read and understand. Other BSN students are working with **Helen Dempster**, Douglas DVST Coordinator, learning about the needs and best ways to communicate with adults with low literacy.

The Centre is convening bi-monthly meetings with Tri-Cities and Fraser Health Region libraries to explore other potential community service learning projects. College members include **Carole Compton-Smith** (Library), **Edrie Sobstyl** (Philosophy), **Susan Hammond** (BSN), **Laurie Kenward** (HIM), **Helen Dempster** (DVST), **Marina Niks** (CHCP) and representatives of the following: Fraser and Vancouver Health Authorities, Coquitlam, Richmond, Surrey, Port Moody and Fraser Valley Public Libraries, Tri Cities Literacy Outreach Coordination, and BC Government.

**Youth and Homelessness Subcommittee:** This committee was convened by the CHCP, Tri Cities Homelessness Task group and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Members are Douglas College CF+CS (**Gary Tennant** and **Colleen Reid**), School District 43, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Port Moody Social Services Society, PLEA Community Services, Pathfinder Youth Society, SHARE, Metro Vancouver Homelessness Secretariat and the McCreary Foundation.

**Alzheimer Computerized Screening Tool:** On February 4th we will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Cultural Advisory Panel. This panel has been convened in partnership with the **UBC Hospital Clinic for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders** to provide feedback on an online screening tool. **Kymerley Bontinen** and **Patricia Juvik**, Health Sciences faculty, are leading this project.

### Tri Cities Intercultural Workplace Project: Graduation and Agency Dialogues

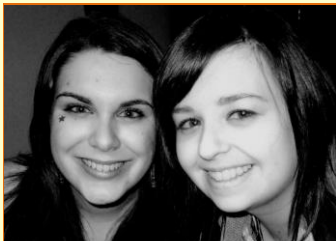
This high profile project involving 12 Tri Cities agencies and Douglas College, led by SUCCESS, completed its second phase in late August with the graduation of 18 “students” (cultural consultants) from the instructional component of the project. A graduation ceremony held at the College on August 25 2010 marked this culmination.

Intercultural  
Workplace Program  
Graduates,  
Instructors,  
Administrators and  
CHCP staff



Throughout the Fall semester, the agencies that had hosted the students/cultural consultants reflected on their learning and made plans to ensure the growth in the agency of continuing cultural competence and an inclusive work environment. Two interagency dialogue sessions allowed for sharing: 1) between the student/cultural consultants and agencies and 2) between agencies. The Centre is conducting the on-going evaluation of this project. The final Report will be available in March 2011.

### Print Futures (Public Relations Writing) and Homelessness



Kate Hunt and Jessica Hewitt

Since the summer of 2010, Print Futures instructor **Brooke Carter** has been working with the Addictions Subcommittee of the Tri Cities Homelessness Task Group to create a service learning project for the 2010/2011 Print Futures Public Relations Writing class. The goal is to develop a Public Education Campaign on the nature of addiction, the hope offered by treatment and support and the implications for homeless persons. The project provides students with real-life practical writing experience and portfolio samples.

Phase 1 of the project was completed in the 2010 Fall semester. Student groups researched the subject and submitted Strategic Communications Plans to the Subcommittee outlining possible concepts and key messages for the campaign. This included an analysis of the target audience, sample tactics and budget considerations. Students **Jessica Hewitt** and **Kate Hunt's** submission, "Three Things" campaign, was chosen to proceed.

Phase 2 continues in the Winter 2011 semester, with all the students creating bus shelter ads, posters, rack cards, print ads for newspaper, and web page copy based on the "Three Things" campaign. In March 2011 the Addictions subcommittee will present the winning concepts to Fraser Health Authority with a request for funding to roll out the campaign across the entire region.

By the end of the semester (April 2011), every student in the Public Relations Writing 2 class will have a portfolio full of samples based in this project, and the subcommittee will have multiple options to choose from for the campaign - value for all concerned.

## Fall 2010 Projects

**David Lam Campus Fall Fair (Sept 18):** The Centre sponsored a **Community Dialogue on Homelessness** that included representatives from city government, policing, recovery services, the Homelessness Task Group, business and the homeless community. **Siobhan Ashe** (Anthropology) provided facilitation of the “fishbowl” format dialogue.

**Homelessness Action Week and Connect Day (Oct 12):** 34 students from **Nursing, Health Care Support Worker, Dispensing Optician and Music** programs worked at the Grace Church in Port Coquitlam with 78 patrons who attended to access a series of health, social, legal and personal care services provided by professionals and volunteers, arranged by the **Tri-Cities Homelessness Task Group**

**“Container Village”** - a temporary shelter system proposed for Coquitlam: Countless employees and students participated in the **Aviva Fund voting** for support of this initiative. Unfortunately, the initiative did not have enough votes to progress to the final round. [www.avivacommunityfund.org/](http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/)

**City of Coquitlam Official Community Plan revision** - community consultation on the **Permanent Shelter planned for 3030 Gordon Avenue**. 12 students assisted with the outreach sessions. Following the public hearing on November 29, the re-zoning was approved.

**HealthLinkBC and Health Information Management:** HIM students worked with their instructor, **David Hyde**, to review resources provided by HealthlinkBC and make recommendations to improve them. The goal was to write materials in Plain Language so they are easier to read and understand. HealthLinkBC is the gateway to access non-emergency medical information and services in BC. [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)

**Marketing:** One group of students in **Christina Cawkell’s** Promotional Strategies class worked with the **Mackin House** in Coquitlam to develop a Promotion Plan and a group of **Roger Griffin’s** Marketing students worked with **Crossroads Hospice Society** to develop a marketing plan for their Thrift Store.

Two BSN Practicum students, **Kelly Fraser** and **Nikki Vohora** worked in the CHCP throughout the semester on a number of homelessness themed projects. Their video will be coming soon to [www.douglascollege.ca/chcp](http://www.douglascollege.ca/chcp)

## New Winter 2011 Projects:

**Mental Health:** A group of Psychology (Research Methods course) students with instructor **Laura Dane** are working with the **Tri Cities Mental Health Team** on a study documenting the impact of the Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT) treatment on patients with Borderline Personality Disorder.

**Interdisciplinary Event:** February 3rd: Students in the **Health Care Support Worker, Therapeutic Recreation and Dispensing Optician** programs will work with groups of seniors at the CHCP in sessions on nutrition, mobility and visual health.

**Marketing:** Two groups of students in **Christina Cawkell’s** Promotional Strategies class are working with **Share Family Services Society** and with **PoCoMo Youth Services Society**.

**Print Futures (Professional Writing )** Students in **Diana Wegner’s** Research Reporting class are working with a variety of agencies: **BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, The Healthy Aboriginal Network, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. , Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, A Chance to Choose, Big Sisters of BC, SHARE Family and Community Services (2 projects), and Tri-Cities Youth and Homelessness Task Group.**

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