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COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH RESEARCH

Community Involvement

- Focus on community driven research
- High involvement of community throughout the research processes
- Approach to research is participatory

Scope of Research

- Restricted to BC communities
- Focus is on improving health and minimizing health inequities
- Research topic is currently of significance to the community
- Research is informed by previous findings in area of investigation

Methods

- Clear description of proposed research processes
- Research methods meet accepted standards and protocols

Skills/Knowledge Development

- Research helps to inform public policy and guide and promote change
- Research initiative builds appropriate skills and education both within target community and key partners
- Knowledge arising from research is used within the community and the community is involved in knowledge transfer

Research Team Qualifications

- Previous education or experience conducting community-based research or ability to do so with relevant mentorship & guidance
- Knowledge and experience in area of investigation
- Potential for effective relationships among all partners
- Access to a research ethics review board

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Findings/Results

- Clear plan in place to disseminate findings to community using appropriate strategies
- Anticipated findings are directly applicable to the community and, where feasible, across multiple communities
- Findings are communicated to those involved in policy and program decision-making at the local community and beyond
- Plan for wider dissemination
- Plan for long term, sustainable impact within the community

Evaluation

- Information is provided regarding overall project results (e.g. process, community interactions, capacity building etc.)
- Evaluation information is shared with other stakeholders (e.g. researchers, academic institutions, other community-based organizations)