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# From New York City to Toronto: Mental Health and Homelessness

Toronto Site

Mental Health Commission of Canada  
Wellesley Institute

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Knox College, 59 St. George St, University of Toronto

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# Objectives

Learn about:

- current research on supportive housing (Wellesley Institute and New York City)
- research design requirements (MHCC national research project)
- network with interested colleagues and potential partners
- how you can get involved in the mental health and homelessness project

# Agenda

9:15 am – 10:00 am	Dr. Kim Hopper
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Dr. Bonnie Kirsch
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Dr. Paula Goering
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Questions and Answers
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own!)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Moving Forward on MHCC Project
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Expressions of Interest
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Coffee Break
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Collaborative Model
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Closing Remarks and Next Steps

# Knowledge for What? Thirty Years of Homelessness Research ...and Counting

## **Kim Hopper, PhD**

- medical anthropologist
- research scientist at the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, co-director of Center for the Study of Issues in Public Mental Health
- author of *Reckoning with Homelessness* and co-editor of forthcoming *Recovery from Schizophrenia: An International Perspective*
- since 1979, has conducted ethnographic and historical research on psychiatric care and on homelessness, chiefly in New York City
- current research interests include the reconfiguration of public mental health, cross-cultural studies of psychotic disorder, community-based modalities of coercion, and dimensions of recovery and support in severe mental illness
- co-founder of both the New York Coalition for the Homeless and the National Coalition for the Homeless; served as President of the latter organization from 1991-1993
- currently co-investigator on a number of NIMH-funded studies
- co-convener of a Qualitative Methods Institute at NYU in the summer of 2002
- consults frequently on methodological issues in mental health services research
- from 1999 to June 2003, member of the NIMH Services Research Scientific Review Committee

# Critical Characteristics of Supported Housing

**Bonnie Kirsch, PhD.**

- **Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science at the University of Toronto, teaching courses in Research and Psychosocial Perspectives in OT**
- **Recently appointed to the Workforce Advisory Committee with the Mental Health Commission of Canada**
- **Chair of the Program Review for the Canadian Mental Health Association**
- **primary research focuses on community and work integration for persons with mental illnesses, with an emphasis on employment and housing**
- **also conducts research on stigma and the mental health of injured workers**
- **has conducted studies examining consumer perspectives on work integration and the relationship of organizational culture to employment, and has examined Canadian principles and practices in the area of work integration**
- **Her community mental health research agenda also includes the study of best practices in supported housing**
- **Another area of research is workplace mental health, including trajectories of persons who experience depression at work and related issues of disability management and return to work.**
- **Currently part of a multi-site CURA project examining the impacts of the compensation system on the mental health of injured workers**

# Update on Mental Health & Housing Initiative

## **Dr. Paula Goering**

Chair, Homelessness Project, National Research Committee

- Co-Director of the Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit at CAMH
- Experienced clinician, consultant, educator and researcher, Masters in psychiatric nursing from Yale University and Ph.D in Medical Science from University of Toronto
- She is a Professor in the U of T Department of Psychiatry with cross-appointments to the Faculty of Nursing, Institute of Medical Science and Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at University of Toronto
- Dr. Goering also holds a Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR )/Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) Chair in Health Services Research
- She received the CHSRF's 2008 Research Advancement Award

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It's your turn...

**Questions???**

**Comments...**

# Moving Forward

Project Timelines and Key Deliverables

Participant Expressions of Interest re :

- **steering group**
- **advisory committee**
- **special interest study groups relevant to Toronto**
- **submission proposal roles (leads, collaborators, researchers, service providers etc)**

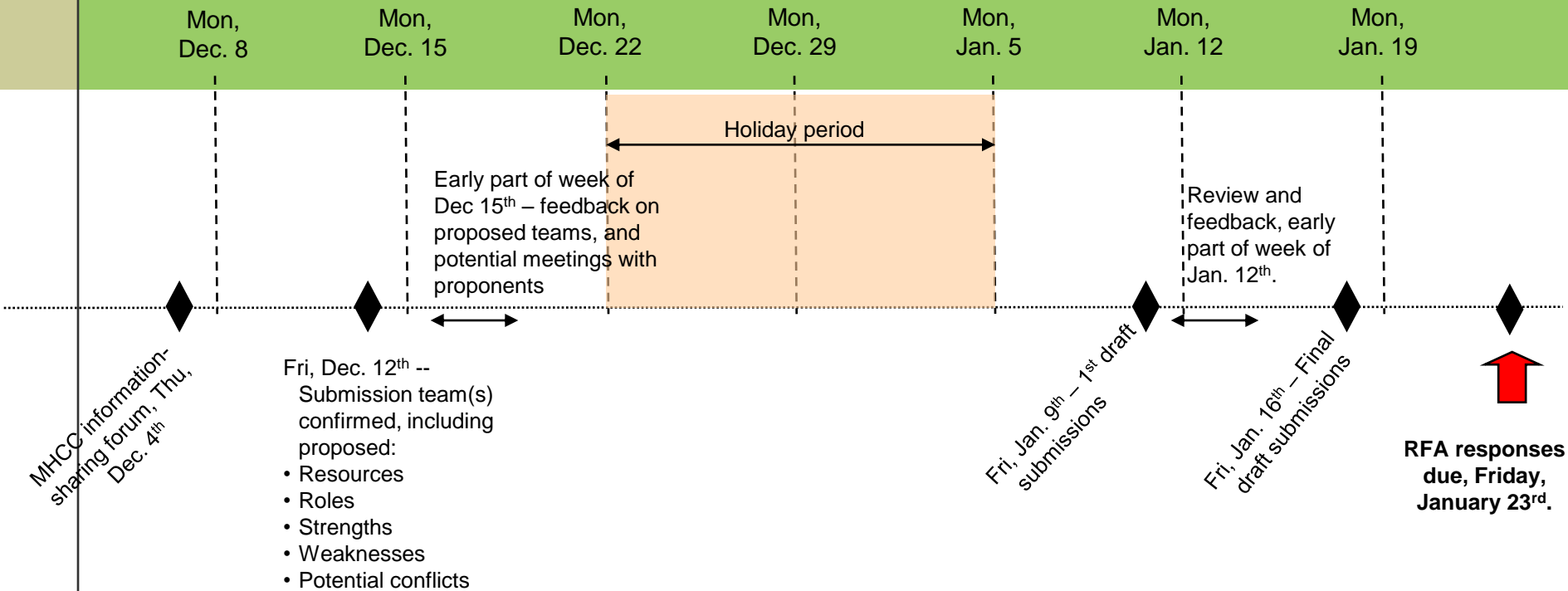
Collaborative Model

# Key Deliverables

## National Key Deliverables to:

- **approve demonstration project research applications and workplans for five selected cities in Canada**
- **develop knowledge transition and communications plans**
- **identify lead service agency and lead academic institution/department for the consortium in each site**
- **contract with data vendor(s) to conduct cross provincial data collection and analysis services**
- **formalize working agreements between researchers, service providers and other partners to achieve smooth implementation**
- **appoint site-based advisory committee members**
- **establish protocols and timelines for participant recruitment and data collection**
- **finalize site-specific research questions and methods**
- **have in place mechanisms for inclusion of persons with lived experience in all aspect of project planning, implementation, and evaluation**
- **approve budgets and disburse the 1st funding installment to each site;**
- **establish supplemental funding opportunities for related research through CIHR**
- **establish a plan for achieving a minimum of 20% leveraging of funds**
- **engage Provincial and city governments in discussions regarding sustainability**

# MHCC Research Demonstration Projects: Proposed RFA response schedule -- Toronto site



# Demonstration Project Overview

Lived Experience



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## Collaborative Model

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