



BC Community-Based Research Quarterly -- Participant's Survey

The BC Community-Based Research Quarterly Meetings are a venue in which research stakeholders can come together to discuss the direction of community-based HIV/AIDS and related conditions research in the province, including important methodological, ethical and other topical issues.

This survey was conducted to see how participants' like the current meeting setup and to gather input on potential new directions for the meeting's focus.

1) Please check the appropriate column relating to the amount of time that you think should be spent on the listed activities at each meeting:

	Less of This	Just Right	More of This	Total Responses
Networking	4 (27%)	10 (67%)	1 (7%)	15
Updates	9 (60%)	6 (40%)	0 (0%)	15
Discussion of common issues across projects/programs	0 (0%)	2 (13%)	13 (87%)	15
Development of small working groups to move common issues forward (e.g., Honoraria Working Group)	0 (0%)	8 (53%)	7 (47%)	15

Points of Summary:

- Majority of people would like less time spent on updates
- Majority of people would like more time spent on discussion on common issues across projects/programs

2) One of the functions of the CBR Quarterly is to provide space for identification, discussion, and action planning for issues that are relevant across project and programs. Given this, what are the areas of CBR or related subjects that are most pressing to you?

#	Response
1.	translating research to action and effecting policy change communicating successes and challenges engaging PHAs beyond PRA levels supporting PHA engagement
2.	Program development to assist community with research endeavours
3.	countering the rampant "re-medicalization" of HIV, and its ever greater removal from the social sphere -- the effects this has on individuals living with HIV
4.	Integration of PRA's into the academia/CBR model and the challenges to them and agencies regarding training, triggers, \$'s, law, to best benefit all parties.
5.	Support for PRAs
6.	How to better support PRAs Development of best practices for PRAs
7.	partnership and new research team building; best CBR practices from other allied research areas (e.g., mental health and addictions, homelessness)
8.	Developing standards for PRA job expectations and HR-related issues, including compensation, performance reviews, terminating contracts, resolving conflict, etc.
9.	How the process and development will work in which the Federal Government would like all organizations work towards changing there mandate ex: blood borne pathegeons and chronic deseases
10.	PRA support
11.	training and supporting peer researchers how to empower communities to develop their own research questions so it's truly ground-up developing practice-based evidence
12.	I like having time to troubleshoot issues that are coming up in various projects
13.	PRA training, honoraria payments, knowledge translation.

Points of Summary:

- Peers support, PRA training and other issues relating to PRAs remaining important areas of focus for participants
- Many other diverse topics to begin working through

3) Please check if these potential additional activities for the CBR Quarterly meeting would be useful to you:

	Not Useful	Somewhat Useful	Very Useful	Total Responses
Presentations – more targeted presentations from people doing CBR, perhaps people doing new and interesting projects/methods	0 (0%)	10 (77%)	3 (23%)	13
Small Group Work – provide time for smaller groups of people to collaborate around common issues	2 (14%)	6 (43%)	6 (43%)	14
Journal Club – looking at current literature in CBR with group discussion	5 (38%)	4 (31%)	4 (31%)	13
Time Outs/Energizers – short inspirational pieces i.e. Ted Talks to spark discussion or brainstorming	5 (38%)	5 (38%)	3 (23%)	13
Facilitated Networking – a structured/formal way to get to know people and learn about their work	3 (23%)	9 (69%)	1 (8%)	13
Providing written information ahead of the meeting – i.e. written project updates so we would have more discussion time	2 (14%)	4 (29%)	8 (57%)	14

3a) Other Ideas, please list:

Re: Updates, would like to know if the project is on schedule (realistic timelines), challenges that the group could solve. Otherwise the paper info a head of time is good.

Points of Summary:

- There is a lot of diversity for needs/wants when considering new meeting items – perhaps we can propose to try out various new items and evaluate them for their usefulness.
- The one point with the most traction is providing written information ahead of meetings, for instance project updates, which would free up more time for common issues

4) Do you usually attend the Community-Based Research in BC Quarterly meeting:

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
In-Person		71%	10
By Phone		29%	4
Total Responses			14

4a) If you attend the CBR Quarterly by phone how could we make your experience better?

#	Response
1.	Actually, it's about half-and-half for me. No changes required.
2.	project notes ahead of time; list of participants with affiliations
3.	Use video technology (e.g., GoToMeeting, video Skype, etc) to enhance the experience of attending the meeting.
4.	skype

5) How often do you attend the CBR Quarterly?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Every Meeting		43%	6
Most Meetings		43%	6
About Half of the Meetings		7%	1
Irregularly		7%	1
Never		0%	0
Total Responses			14

5a) If you are not attending the meeting regularly, how could the meeting be changed to make it more relevant to you?

#	Response
1.	I am now free to engage in more meetings, time was constrained before.
2.	Add more opportunities for remote participation might help.
3.	Aboriginal research and how will CBR collaborate with Aboriginal organizations to do this work or if we are who are the players

6) If you have any other comments about the CBR Quarterly that have not been captured in this survey please include them here:

#	Response
1.	great work on these meetings!
2.	How do we effectively broaden our outreach to the greater community to let them know we exist and or the work we are doing and how we might link now or in the future.
3.	The CBR Quarterly meeting is literally my favourite meeting to attend. I love it!
4.	Can PAN have webspace to store the meeting agendas, minutes, presentations, etc? Then we can also use that space to link to websites all of the various studies represented in the CBR Quarterly group.