

Health and Society Seminar Series



From knowledge to action--and back again: An overview of Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)'s work in Alberta/NWT Region

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In September, 2004, the Public Health Agency of Canada was created as a separate agency within the health portfolio of the federal government. As part of the mandate of the Agency, a five-year strategic plan was launched in 2007, which includes a focus on "ensuring public health actions are supported by integrated information and knowledge functions". This presentation will give an overview of the Agency's work in the Alberta & Northwest Territories region, including our community-based funding programs and activities related to knowledge management and public health capacity. An interactive discussion will follow in which participants will be invited to reflect on potential links between Agency work and other regional, provincial, and/or national initiatives, including our academic partners.

Mary Jane graduated with a Masters degree from the Centre for Health Promotion Studies at the University of Alberta in November of 2000. Since February of 2001, she has been working in public health at the federal level, first with the Population & Public Health Branch of Health Canada and now with the Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta/NWT Region. She is currently Manager of the Public Health Capacity & Knowledge Management Division and an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the School of Public Health, University of Alberta. Her research interests include public health human resources, social and economic inequalities, community capacity building and health.

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