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Farwell to Rachael Wells



It is with mixed feelings that we announce, Rachael Wells, Manager of UNBC Health Research Institute and Co-Lead of the BC SUPPORT Unit Northern Centre, will be leaving her role at the end of 2020.

“I have enjoyed working with all of those in Northern BC and across the province to build capacity for patient oriented research. We have come a long way over the past 5 years, and I am so proud of the important work that is now being undertaken in partnership between researchers, those working and providing care in BC’s health system and individuals and communities who receive care. I hope these great partnerships continue create innovative solutions to improve the health and wellbeing for those living in BC. I look forward to what comes next in the next 5 years. Sending best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful new year”. Rachael Wells

Welcome Charlene Nel, Coordinator, Clinical Research



The Northern Centre would like to welcome Charlene Nel to her term role as Coordinator, Clinical Research effective November 9, 2020. This position is funded by the BC SUPPORT Unit, Northern Centre and through a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) award for building Health Authority Research Capacity. In this new role, Charlene will report to the Director, Research Evaluation and Analytics. This position will work closely with a broad spectrum of clinicians involved in clinical research (physicians, nurses, laboratory technologists, and pharmacists), the Director of Tertiary Services, and research stakeholders at UNBC and other academic

institutions.

The Coordinator has a key role in developing our infrastructure for clinical research at Northern Health. In this role, Charlene will work with key leaders in Northern Health operations as well as researchers to facilitate and organize clinical research activities and processes.

Charlene is coming to Northern Health from the BC Cancer Centre where she managed the Clinical Trials Department. She is passionate about Research and has worked across the globe in various research roles. Charlene is excited to join the team.

Outside of work, Charlene enjoys spending time with her family and getting to know Prince George and surrounding areas.

Charlene can be reached at Charlene.Nel@northernhealth.ca.

Welcome Marcelo Bravo, Specialist, Knowledge Mobilization and Research Capacity Building



The Northern Centre would like to welcome Marcelo Bravo, PhD to the position of Specialist, Knowledge Mobilization and Research Capacity Building effective November 27, 2020. Funding for this position is provided by The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) award for building Health Authority Research Capacity and the BC SUPPORT Unit, Northern Centre. This is a part-time term role to February 28, 2022.

In this new role, Marcelo reports to the Lead, Research and Evaluation and will work in collaboration with the Research Review Committee members and administrators, Research, Evaluation and Analytics team members and other stakeholders. Marcelo will provide support to define and implement approaches that support the sharing and use of evidence as well as collaborating to build processes and standards for the effective management and communication of research ethics and organizational research approaches.

Marcelo is coming to Northern Health from UBC, where he supported the creation of the UBC Policy Studio, an interdisciplinary initiative focused on finding innovative solutions to complex, systemic and resilient problems, and facilitated the development of the UBC Knowledge Exchange Unit. Marcelo has ample expertise in knowledge mobilization and knowledge translation approaches, methods, and research capacity development. He is a member of the Research Impact Network, a pan-Canadian network committed to developing institutional capacities to support the impact of research by developing best practices, services, and tools. Marcelo also has experience working with Vancouver Coastal Health – Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer while supporting interdisciplinary teams to embrace methodological innovations benefiting population health work. His expertise includes working in urban and rural contexts, including projects with First Nations and Indigenous communities in Canada and in Mexico.

Marcelo's education includes a Master in Strategic and Future Studies (Strategic Foresight), and a PhD. in Interdisciplinary Studies while researching Knowledge Mobilization KMb/KT institutional capacity developments.

Outside of work, Marcelo enjoys spending time with his wife and young kids, getting lost in bookstores, having coffee, and supporting community organizations in Canada and Mexico.

Marcelo can be reached at Marcelo.Bravo@northernhealth.ca.

Upcoming Events

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Title: [Centre for Technology Adoption for Aging in the North \(CTAAN\)](#) program.

Date: January 28, 2021

Presented by: [Dr. Shannon Freeman](#) and Dr. Richard McAloney

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Wishing you all the best. From all of us at
the BC SUPPORT Unit, Northern Centre!

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