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The BCCI Looks Ahead

The British Columbia Coalition Institute is an informal Community of Practice (BCCI-CoP) of universities and community organizations. It is a learning community that brings people together around issues of equity and justice that affect the health of all people, worldwide. The CoP values community-university partnerships and knowledge co-production and embraces and practices the CCGHR Principles to Guide Global Health Research in responding to inherently global health issues, especially climate change. Premised on the principle of solidarity and the idea that people situated in Canadian universities can do good global health (equity) work by seeking solutions for resilience while reducing Canada's disproportionately harmful impacts on the planet, the CoP promotes acting locally and thinking globally.

From July 20-22, a clarity-seeking and planning workshop in Vancouver brought 22 individuals from 10 regional hubs from across BC (UBC, UBCO, UVIC, SFU, TWU, TRU, RHRNBC, UNBC, UAF, Shawnigan Basin Society) into conversation about shared values, learning interests, future collaborations, and priorities. The event strengthened collaborations across BC universities and campuses, and renewed a shared commitment to intergenerational justice and creating community in equity work. CoP members affirmed a shared belief that universities (and the people who are situated within them, from students to researchers and administrative leaders) can and must play in advocacy and activism on existential crises that threaten our collective global health and futures.

Over the next few months, a planning team will respond to a strategic planning framework (supported with facilitation from Verena Rossa-Roccor) and invite continued dialogue with the CoP to create a 3-year strategic plan. CoP members express gratitude in acknowledging funding for the event, provided by the Rural Health Services Research Network of BC, the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and Simon Fraser University. The BCCI-CoP is associated with the CAGH through the University Advisory Council and the Students and Young Professionals Network. It is chaired by Vic Neufeld and Katrina Plamondon, and supported by facilitator-in-training, Tasha-Aliya Kara and coordinator, Leigh Borrett. For more information about the CoP and its members, visit <https://bcccoalitioninstitute.com/> or contact us at bccicommunity@gmail.com.