

## Collaborations for Health Planning Retreat

June 23 2005

08:00-17:00

Auditorium

Royal Botanical Gardens Centre

680 Plains Road West, Hamilton/Burlington, ON

### PROGRAM

#### MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- To develop a shared understanding of the McMaster Collaborations for Health initiative
- To explore emerging theme areas including:
  - o Potential areas for collaborations: i.e., significant research questions that McMaster is optimally positioned to address
  - o Innovative educational opportunities within and among these thematic areas
  - o Strategies for promoting and supporting collaborations

08:00 - 08:30 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

08:30 - 08:40 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Lillian Bayne, Moderator

Overview of retreat objectives and program and “ground rules” for the day.

08:40-08:45 OPENING REMARKS Mamdouh Shoukri, Vice President, Research

08:45-09:00 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVE Susan Denburg, Chair, Advisory Committee,  
Collaborations for Health, Associate Dean Academic,  
Faculty of Health Sciences

Overview of the history and objectives of the initiative.

09:00-09:30 Jonathan Lomas, CEO, Canadian Health Services  
Research Foundation

#### BUILDING NEW RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR MCMASTER

Jonathan Lomas will provide a perspective on the opportunities and potentials of the initiative including pressing policy and research opportunities, other competitors and complements against which to identify unique McMaster strengths, and new types of partnerships that can help enhance the initiative’s objectives.

09:30-09:45 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS Lillian Bayne

09:45-10:15 Susan Denburg

#### CALL FOR IDEAS: EMERGING THEMES AND ENABLERS

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10:15-10:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30-10:45 THE WORKSHOP CHALLENGE Lillian Bayne

The Moderator will outline the workshop challenge:

- participants will be assigned to one of the three following theme groups (prior self-select or based on research and/or education interests suggested by their submissions):
  - (a) Public and Environmental Health
  - (b) Health Services Policy and Delivery
  - (c) Child and Lifespan Development
- each group will have a facilitator and a recorder
- groups will work together for 1.5 hours in the morning and another hour in the afternoon

10:45-12:30 SMALL GROUP WORK Participants

Each facilitator will lead their small group through the assigned tasks:

- Roundtable introductions – who are you, what is your principal interest in health research, what is your principal interest related to the Collaborations for Health initiative? (~ 2 minutes each)
- What are the galvanizing questions in this theme which McMaster is well placed to address, and which draw on McMaster’s particular strengths?
- Why are these questions exciting and relevant?
- Who else needs to be involved to address these questions and/or to identify other important foci?
- If these are to be the foci for collaboration, what educational opportunities do they suggest?

Participants will gather for a common lunch and then return to complete their group work after lunch.

12:30-13:30 LUNCH John Frank, Scientific Director, Institute of Population and Public Health, Centre of Institutes of Health Research

SPARKING INTERDISCIPLINARITY: REFLECTIONS FROM THE FIELD

Drawing on his experiences with CIAR, CIHR and other research agencies, and reflecting on the discussions during the small group activity, John Frank will share his experiences on how to spark and fuel interdisciplinarity and comment on areas of emerging consensus from the morning session.

13:30-14:30 CONTINUATION OF SMALL GROUP WORK Participants

14:30-15:30 REFINING THE THEMES: REPORT OUT AND DISCUSSION Participants

Participants will reconvene for a plenary session report out and discussion. Each theme will report for 10 minutes. For the last 30 minutes of the session, participants will share their views on whether and how the three themes identified can frame McMaster's Collaborations for Health.

15:30-15:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK

15:45-16:15 MOVING FORWARD: SUMMARY AND REFLECTIONS John Frank

John Frank will provide a summary and commentary on the discussion over the course of the day, highlighting (a) areas of strong agreement (and, if necessary, differences), and (b) opportunities presented in relation to McMaster's special strengths.

16:15-16:30 CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS Susan Denburg

Susan Denburg will outline the "next steps" in the process of planning for, and realizing, McMaster's Collaborations for Health.