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What is PHRN?

The Pacific Housing Research Network (PHRN) facilitates multi-sectoral housing research activities across BC, fostering dialogue and collaboration among housing researchers and stakeholders, and encouraging the effective application of research results to housing solutions.

PHRN aims to promote the dissemination and discussion of research results and lessons learned from research focused on housing affordability and sustainability. The network seeks to encourage its members to communicate and discuss ongoing research projects, and to find and share research dissemination opportunities.

PHRN has four main objectives:

1. To encourage the sharing of findings across researchers, knowledge users, and stakeholders.
2. To support each other in developing and conducting research.
3. To leverage capacity to find funding solutions for housing research and dissemination.
4. To encourage students to consider housing as an area of choice for their career.

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Session 1: Sunday November 19, 10:30 am to 12 pm Inclusion and Engagement

Lessons learned: Integrating housing first into a peer-led sex work organization

Leah Shumka, Rachel Phillips, Flora Pagan, Nadia Ouellet, Bernie Pauly, Bruce Wallace

Housing First (HF) has become increasingly common as a strategy to reduce homelessness. HF has shown promise in addressing chronic homelessness for those with a mental illness diagnosis. As use of the model has expanded, greater variability in outcomes has emerged, in part due to the challenges of maintaining model fidelity within unaffordable housing markets. There is little research as to the effectiveness of HF for those working in the sex industry. Peers Victoria Resources Society (Peers) is a grassroots organization serving sex workers in Victoria, B.C. In collaboration with the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research BC (CARBC), Peers completed a program evaluation of its HF program to examine factors that clients regarded as influential to securing and maintaining housing. Semi-structured qualitative interviews were conducted with a purposive sample of individuals currently enrolled in the Peers HF program. The purpose was to delineate the individual, program, and structural factors participants believed impacted securing and maintaining housing. Participants identified structural barriers, including intersecting stigmas (associated with sex work, substance use, race, and homelessness) as well as discrimination in the private housing market as the primary barriers to housing. These barriers were compounded by a lack of suitable and affordable housing stock in the region. At the program level, participants identified challenges with supported housing policies and environments and with the limited support some housing support programs could offer. Finally, at the individual level, participants noted that histories of substance use, mental health as well as a lack of documentation related to employment and housing history all impacted their ability to obtain housing, in spite of a support program aimed to ameliorate these barriers. Recommendations highlight the responsibilities of service providers, policy makers, and funders to address structural and programmatic barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing.

Session 1: Sunday November 19, 10:30 am to 12 pm Inclusion and Engagement

Engaging people with a lived experience of homelessness

Lani Brunn and Marika Albert

One of the challenges faced by planners, housing providers, shelters and service providers, is how to include the voice of people who are homeless in the planning, implementation and ongoing support of homeless and housing solutions. The key focus of our research was to identify the best approach and methods for meaningful engagement of “people with a lived experience of homelessness” (PWLE) to understanding their housing, health, and support service needs and choices.

Our research was completed on behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) serving the southern Vancouver Island and nearby Gulf Islands from December 2016 until May 2017.

The approach included researching promising practices across North America, conducting surveys, one on one interviews and focus groups with both people with lived experience in homelessness and service providers in shelters, drop in centres and program locations.

As a result of this research we created an engagement framework (a ‘how to’ guide) and an engagement toolkit (practical ideas across the spectrum of engagement) for engaging people who are experiencing chronic homeless in the Capital Region.

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Making a house a home: Aboriginal engagement and housing design in BC

Alison Butler, Emma Crane, Sam Hogg, Teresa Maddison, Twyla Smith

Housing design plays an important role in housing adequacy. Yet historically, Aboriginal perspectives have not been meaningfully considered in the housing design process. As a result, housing is frequently designed in a way that does not meet the distinct cultural, social, climatic and economic needs of Aboriginal communities.

Of late, housing organizations are acknowledging the need for culturally-sensitive housing design as a foundation for individual and community well-being. To more profoundly involve Aboriginal people in the design of their housing, a robust and culturally sensitive engagement policy is critical. Engagement should be viewed as a holistic process rather than a single action, based on principles of relationship building and accountability. Effective engagement can help answer the question of what types of housing Aboriginal people want and need in their communities.

While there is ample research on housing design and on engagement with Aboriginal people, research on the intersections of these topics is lacking. The result is a gap in knowledge about how to best engage Aboriginal communities in the context of housing design. Our presentation will address this gap by presenting the findings of a qualitative research project that involved interviews with key experts in the fields of Aboriginal engagement and housing design.

In particular, our presentation will overview key approaches for successful Aboriginal engagement in housing design, and suggest design criteria for organizations to consider when designing and building housing for Aboriginal peoples. We also explore a case study where community engagement contributed to innovative housing designs within an Aboriginal community in BC.

Session 1: Sunday November 19, 10:30 am to 12 pm Inclusion and Engagement

Improving experiences in Vancouver winter shelters: an interdisciplinary investigation

Katie Tweedie and Adam Maitland

This presentation will describe an interdisciplinary project that explores staff and resident experiences in Vancouver winter shelters. First we will present findings from a qualitative inquiry into the operations of the Vancouver winter shelters, with a specific focus on challenges and opportunities for fostering positive experiences in these shelters, for both staff and residents. Subsequently, we will propose recommendations that seek to enhance the experience of staff and residents in these temporary spaces.

Since 2008, the City of Vancouver and BC housing have partnered to create temporary shelters that provide low barrier housing support for homeless people during winter months. Residents have complex needs, including mental health and addictions. In addition to shelter, the residents have access to meals and showers, and are connected to health, social and housing services. These facilities are temporarily installed in unused buildings and operated by non-profit agencies. They fill an essential role in the Vancouver housing continuum, providing relief for a large population with no other shelter options.

This qualitative inquiry will consist of interviews with staff who conduct day-to-day operations at the shelters. Interviews will investigate shelter features that enhance user's experiences, those that adversely impact their experience, and opportunities for improvement. Interviews will be coded for themes. Based on the identified needs that emerge through the qualitative inquiry, we will research spaces or typologies that have similar needs and challenges to those of Vancouver's winter shelters. Research may focus on architectural methodologies or design research relating, but not limited, to typologies such as co-living spaces, temporary housing for disaster relief, migrant worker housing, or community gathering spaces. Through this analysis, we will recommend strategies or design interventions with the goal of maximizing resident and staff experiences. This project may inform future winter shelters in Vancouver by combining social and architectural research.

Session 2: Sunday November 19, 2 pm – 3:15 pm Data, Measures, and Cool Maps

Enhancing homeless counts: Reflections on the adoption of new strategies for the 2017 homeless count in Metro Vancouver

Erika Sagert

In March 2017, the BC Non-Profit Housing Association and M. Thomson Consulting partnered to implement the triennial Homeless Count in Metro Vancouver and piloted four new approaches to surveying the regional homeless population. These new approaches were intended to (a) provide better coverage in hard to reach areas of Metro Vancouver, (b) determine the extent of undercounting on count day in a select geography through an extended enumeration process, and (c) identify more detailed survey data from individuals with no fixed address in four of the region's busiest hospitals.

Two of the pilot approaches were designed to improve coverage across the region. Firstly, the Rural Strategy consisted of adding resources to the mapping approach conducted by Area Coordinators (ACs) and stakeholders in rural areas. Secondly, the Waterways Strategy targeted live-aboards by deploying boats with crews of volunteers on waterways across the region, with a particular emphasis in certain areas that live-aboard boaters are known to frequent.

The third pilot strategy was the result of stakeholder concerns raised in Surrey over the extent of the undercount in that municipality. The Surrey Extended Urban Strategy (SEUS) was designed to extend the length of the count by two days in a limited geography to determine how many individuals experiencing homelessness were not surveyed on count day.

Finally, in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health, surveys were administered in hospitals for the first time in the history of the Homeless Count in Metro Vancouver. Typically data provided by health authorities only provides the number of individuals with no fixed address (NFA), their age and gender. In 2017, the survey was administered in four hospitals across the region: St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital, Ridge Meadows Hospital and Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Session 2: Sunday November 19, 2 pm – 3:15 pm Data, Measures, and Cool Maps

What makes a home? Reconsidering dwelling standards from multiple perspectives

Nathanael Lauster

A carpenter squatting in a self-built shack, a couple living in a “tiny home,” a housing “collective” occupying a single-family house, developers seeking to build micro-suites, laneway houses, and denser forms of housing: what do they have in common? They all run up against dwelling standards. In this paper, I consider how dwelling standards of various sorts define official positions on what makes a home. I briefly outline the history of a few of these standards, with a focus on BC. Then I contrast these official positions on home with the creative diversity by which various sets of residents attempt to talk about home and make homes of their own. I end with a call for a careful reconsideration of dwelling standards.

What can data tell us about housing in Vancouver?

Jens von Bergmann

In this talk we will present a visual tour of housing data, with a special focus on the Vancouver region.

We will demonstrate how CensusMapper can be used for rapid exploratory data analysis regarding questions around housing economics, demographics and transportation.

At the end, we will turn to property level data and show how merging various data sources can yield insights into affordability, wealth accumulation, teardown activity and tax fairness in Vancouver.

Session 3: Monday November 20, 10:30 am to 12 pm What Do People Want?

Housing preferences: matching supply and demand

Lili Friedler Shulman

Consumer preferences for housing environments is a topic that has not received sufficient attention in the planning literature. While evidence suggests that most Americans prefer living in low density environments, there is a small but significant proportion of households that have a strong inclination towards living in the center of highly urbanized cities. Importantly, housing/neighborhood types have different impacts on resident social, environmental, energy, and health aspects. The motivation for this project is to investigate to what extent current residential development patterns endanger resident health (both physical and mental). The research's primary goal is to examine whether household preferences (i.e. demand) are met by the actual type of physical environments being provided (i.e. supply). This presentation will review the existing evidence of strong links between the built environment and several health indicators. In particular, we will compare and contrast walkable, compact neighborhoods with suburban environments and identify specific features that impact walking and social interaction. Moreover, preference measurement and determinants of housing supply will be discussed. Finally, a hypothesis of unmet demand for alternative development will be examined through existing evidence and using feedback from the audience (through a short real-time survey on preferences and attitudes).

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Community enhancement survey

Carolina Ibarra, Sara Thiessen, Jasmine Lemelin, Jonah Erickson

HFBC Housing Foundation (HFBC) has built a legacy to provide affordable housing. Its vision is a future where people of all income levels have a home within a vibrant and healthy community. Its mission is to build resilient communities, throughout Vancouver, with safe and secure homes, for those struggling to meet the demands of market housing.

HFBC operates 945 independent living units. Most buildings are focused on adults over 50 with incomes under \$25,000 per year. As a non-profit independent living housing provider primarily serving an aging demographic, we have begun to embark on research that aims to capture tenants' needs for supports and social connections, as they continue to age in place, from their own perspective. As most tenants are aging in place regardless of mental, physical, and other challenges, the project will provide detailed information about these challenges, so that we can propose solutions and options for improvement.

Furthermore, the results will be compared to the experiences of an independent living landlord (HFBC) working to provide adequate, safe and secure housing, while complying with its mandate and other restrictions.

HFBC is currently in the process of administering a Community Enhancement Survey to over 800 tenants. In recognizing that a supportive and inclusive community is associated with better overall health and well-being, HFBC intends to use this data to guide the development of a comprehensive action plan that includes launching initiatives, forming partnerships that will foster systemic change, and looking for resources that will better assist seniors to safely age in place. The team undertaking this project has various backgrounds and experiences, allowing the project to be approached through a multi-disciplinary lens.

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Results from a multi-partner outcome evaluation of provincially funded supportive housing

Tammy Bennett

This session will present the results of an outcomes evaluation that reviewed the impacts of supportive housing and homeless rent supplements on individuals who are homeless or at-risk.

The Province of British Columbia has made a significant investment in supportive housing and homeless rent supplement programs. It is believed that these investments will improve health outcomes and quality of life for people who access the programs. The session will include an overview of the project – the methodology, partnerships, privacy impact assessment, and processes for gathering personal tenant data; Findings from the evaluation, specifically the impacts on: Quality of life, Health, Access to Services, Housing, Social Stability.

Focus on housing options for seniors

Elizabeth Tang

While the preference of a majority of seniors is to age in their homes, seniors will need a range of housing and support options to respond to changes in their health and mobility. To understand the factors that influence seniors' housing choices in later life, in 2016 CMHC commissioned a multi-part research project. The first part of the research reviewed literature on the living arrangements of seniors, factors involved in seniors' decisions to move to supportive housing, and later life housing demands. The second part examined data from Statistics Canada General Social Survey to produce profiles of seniors living in supportive housing and those considering it, and sought to create a predictive model.

This presentation will provide an overview of the key findings of this research project and explore whether the determinants can be used to predict behaviour and prepare for future housing needs.

Session 4: Monday November 20, 2 pm – 3:15 pm Housing Partnerships

Knowledge translation and working with community groups or How to reach 6 million people with your research

Bernie Pauly, Derek Weiss, Geoff Cross

The lack of affordable housing in Greater Vancouver has been making headlines highlighting the lack of affordability for young families, and professionals. In 2016, Union Gospel Mission (UGM), one of the largest service providers in Vancouver, noticed that it was getting harder and harder to find housing for their clients. They asked, how is the current housing crisis impacting homelessness? In order to answer that question, UGM and the University of Victoria formed a unique research and knowledge translation partnership, leading to innovative research which had an extensive media reach significantly impacting public awareness and media dialogue on homelessness.

Using the regional homelessness outcome reporting norm framework developed by Austen & Pauly for BC's Capital region, the 'No Vacancy' report, video and web page were released in Fall, 2016. Shelter occupancy was at 97%, vacancy for most affordable rental units below 1% and dropping, supply of bachelor and one bedroom suites dropping at the low end of market, and more than 10,000 individuals or families in Metro Vancouver on BC's Housing registry. The report garnered 166 traditional media hits with a media reach of almost 6,000,000 people, based on Cision Media Tracking estimates. Videos created for the campaign were played 81,628 times. The story was clicked on 14,702 times, shared 951 times, and received 245 comments. Associated tweets were retweeted 138 times and liked 142 times. Combining the rigor of research with UGM's experience in communications, knowledge translations strategies effectively wove data and ground level stories together for impact. In this presentation we will outline the benefits of community university partnerships for producing regionally relevant reports and knowledge translation that has impact.

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Multi-sectoral partnerships for social and affordable housing

Penny Gurstein

This presentation will explore a broad spectrum of partnership structures that address affordable home ownership for moderate-income households, to addressing the needs of the homeless, and will identify the nature of these and other housing partnerships, both nationally and internationally, how they operate to address the affordability crisis, and what policies are needed to nurture their formation. Multi-sectoral partnerships have mainly been investigated as 'public-private' partnerships or 'PPPs.' They have been seen as advantageous for economies of scale and scope. This presentation looks beyond efficiency to an understanding of how partnerships can be effective in delivery, governance and building relationships, and ensures sustainability through jointly determined goals, collaborative and consensus-based decision making.

Two case studies will be presented that point to innovative new directions that include partnerships between various housing actors and an important role for government as a catalyst for these innovations. The Vancouver Community Land Trust Foundation (Land Trust) is a project being implemented in Vancouver, BC by a consortium of non-profit organizations, social finance institutions and the municipal government. This case uses a 'portfolio approach' that enables efficiencies in developing and operating the project, as well as enabling cross-subsidization from higher rent units to lower end of market units across the project. The second case is a multi-agency model where the municipality of Richmond, BC worked with BC Housing and six non-profit housing agencies to provide housing collaboratively for people with low to moderate income households.

The conclusion of the presentation will focus on how to encourage multi-sectoral partnerships in a variety of locales.

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Mixed tenure redevelopment projects case studies & SRO renewal initiative case studies

Rebecca Siggner

In 2006, the B.C. government assumed administrative responsibility for 51,400 social housing units from federal government. Under the transfer agreement, B.C. government receives federal funding for remaining term of agreements to fund building maintenance and keep rents affordable. Most operating agreements expire when mortgages are paid off and expectation is without this payment, providers will be solely responsible for projects' financial viability. While some projects will not be viable, EOA does present opportunities some providers can leverage including:

- Providers gain ownership of their buildings, which they can leverage through land swaps, sales, and redevelopment to increase density or increase the tenure mix to better cross-subsidize across their portfolio to better position their portfolio to meet their mandate;
- Revenues will increase without mortgage payments and these funds can potentially cover capital repairs, cross-subsidize portfolios to ensure other housing projects are viable and can continue providing housing to those with deep financial need, or invest in other opportunities to help the non-profit housing providers become even more self-sufficient or expand their portfolio.

Case studies focus on providers that have been in a position to redeveloped projects into mixed tenure sites to maintain deep core need housing units offered, maximize land use, and cross-subsidize units to ensure viability. This presentation will highlight case studies of housing projects where BC Housing has worked with non-profit providers to redevelop projects into mixed tenure sites as they prepare for expiry of operating agreements (EOA) and share strategies, successes, challenges, and lessons learned from these redevelopment experiences.

Presenter biographies

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Lessons learned: Integrating housing first into a peer-led sex work organization

Leah Shumka, Rachel Phillips, Flora Pagan, Nadia Ouellet, Bernie Pauly, Bruce Wallace

Leah Shumka is a sessional instructor in Gender Studies at the University of Victoria (UVic) and longtime Peers board member.

Rachel Phillips is executive director of Peers and research affiliate with CARBC.

Flora Pagan is an MSW student in Social Work at UVic and co-chair of the Peers board of directors.

Nadia Ouellet is a professional researcher and program evaluator and a longtime volunteer at Peers.

Bernie Pauly is an Associate Professor in Nursing at UVic and a Scientist with CARBC, as well as Island Health's Research Scholar in Residence.

Bruce Wallace is an Assistant Professor in Social Work at UVic and a Collaborating Scientist with CARBC.

Session 1: Sunday November 19, 10:30 am to 12 pm Inclusion and Engagement

Engaging people with a lived experience of homelessness

Lani Brunn and Marika Albert

Lani Brunn is a social planner at CitySpaces Consulting after 10 years in the non-profit housing sector. She has a passion for undertaking complex social issues as a researcher, engagement specialist and dedicated volunteer. Lani is completing her thesis for her Masters in Urban Studies from SFU.

Marika Albert, Executive Director for the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria, designs and conducts research on housing affordability and homelessness, poverty reduction and prevention strategies. She monitors and reports on socioeconomic trends for BC's Capital Region. Marika has her Masters of Arts in Sociology from SFU.

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Making a house a home: Aboriginal engagement and housing design in BC

Alison Butler, Emma Crane, Sam Hogg, Teresa Maddison, Twyla Smith

We are a group of Masters of Public Policy students at Simon Fraser University with varied areas of interest including environmental policy, housing policy and Aboriginal policy. A shared passion for community engagement led us to work together on this project. This research was done in partnership with BC Housing as part of an educational and research collaboration called the BC Priorities Project. Contact: alisonbutler_@hotmail.com

Improving experiences in Vancouver winter shelters: an interdisciplinary investigation

Katie Tweedie and Adam Maitland

Katie Tweedie is a Master of Social Work student at UBC. She holds a Master of Public Health Degree from Simon Fraser University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta. Her research interests include service-user input in policy development.

Adam Maitland is an Intern Architect AIBC, who holds a Master's Degree in Architecture from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Design degree from the University of Alberta. His primary interest lies in the use of architecture methodologies to enhance expressions of identity, creativity and community.

Session 2: Sunday November 19, 2 pm – 3:15 pm Data, Measures, and Cool Maps

Enhancing homeless counts: Reflections on the adoption of new strategies for the 2017 homeless count in Metro Vancouver

Erika Sagert

Erika Sagert is a Policy Analyst at BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA). Erika joined BCNPHA in May 2016 to support the latest update of the Canadian Rental Housing Index which now enumerates and evaluates BC's non-profit housing stock and presents it in a manner accessible to the public and affordable housing decision makers alike. Other major projects she has helped deliver include the 2017 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count and An Affordable Housing Plan for BC which was endorsed by the BC Rental Housing Coalition. Her mission is to work with communities and non-profit housing providers to transform their knowledge and experience into affordable housing for everyone. Her focus is evidence-based policy development and processes that lead to greater equity.

What makes a home? Reconsidering dwelling standards from multiple perspectives

Nathanael Lauster

Nathanael Lauster is the award-winning author of *The Death and Life of the Single-Family House: Lessons from Vancouver on Building a Livable City* (Temple University Press), and an associate professor of Sociology at the University of British Columbia. He currently heads the Making Housing Home project at UBC, and blogs at: homefreesociology.wordpress.com.

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What can data tell us about housing in Vancouver?

Jens von Bergmann

Jens von Bergmann earned his Ph.D. in mathematics at Michigan State University and taught at several universities before starting his own company MountainMath Software and Analytics, specializing in data analysis, management and visualization. His housing related products include CensusMapper, a flexible platform to analyze and visualize Canadian census data, as exploratory analyses and visualizations using parcel and building level data in Vancouver.

Session 3: Monday November 20, 10:30 am to 12 pm What Do People Want?

Housing preferences: matching supply and demand

Lili Friedler Shulman

Lili Friedler Shulman is a doctoral student at the School of Community and Regional Planning, UBC. Lili holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technion Institute of Technology, Israel, and a B.A. in Geography and Management from BGU, Israel.

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Community enhancement survey

Carolina Ibarra, Sara Thiessen, Jasmine Lemelin, Jonah Erickson

Carolina Ibarra, BA, MSSc: Carolina earned a BA in Political Science from UBC, and an MSSc in International Relations from the University of Linkoping, Sweden. Carolina is Director of Operations for HFBC. Sara Thiessen, MSW, RSW: Sara obtained her BSW at the University of the Fraser Valley, and holds a MSW from the University of British Columbia. Sara is Community Development Coordinator for HFBC. Jasmine Lemelin, BA: Jasmine recently earned a BA in Psychology from York University. Jonah Erickson, UBC Undergraduate student: Jonah is currently in a third year undergraduate student at UBC, where he is majoring in Human Geography.

Results from a multi-partner outcome evaluation of provincially funded supportive housing

Tammy Bennett

Tammy Bennett is the Senior Manager for Corporate Planning at BC Housing. Tammy has more than 16 years of experience with outcomes, performance measures and program evaluation on housing and homelessness. Tammy has a Masters degree in Planning, from the University of British Columbia.

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Focus on housing options for seniors

Elizabeth Tang

Elizabeth Tang is CMHC's Knowledge Transfer Consultant in BC. In her role as Knowledge Transfer Consultant, Elizabeth is focused on engaging with professionals in the housing industry, academics and provincial and municipal governments to ensure access to the latest and most relevant housing information from CMHC. Elizabeth has been with CMHC since 2006. Prior to working at CMHC, Elizabeth was Trade Commissioner, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. She is a LEED Green Associate, and holds an MBA from University of British Columbia with a specialization in sustainability and business strategic management.

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Multi-sectoral partnerships for social and affordable housing

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Bernie Pauly is an Associate Professor in Nursing and a Scientist in the Centre for Addictions Research. She is a UVIC Provosts Community Engaged Scholar and Island Health Scholar in Residence. Her program of research focuses on systems responses to preventing the harms of substance use and homelessness.

Derek Weiss is Manager of Community Engagement, Social Enterprise and Housing at Vancouver's Union Gospel Mission. He works to build collaborations for social innovation and healthier communities.

Mixed tenure redevelopment projects case studies & SRO renewal initiative case studies

Rebecca Siggner

Rebecca Siggner - Manager, Research - BC Housing: Rebecca joined BC Housing in 2009. She conducts quantitative and qualitative research to inform decision-making and planning at BC Housing. Particular areas of interest include demographic research and conducting lessons learned studies to improve program outcomes.

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