What’s been happening?

As indicated in our August KT Strategic Planning Update we have been working with limited resources and have needed to prioritize tasks. The priorities are 1) Funding Opportunities and 2) Engaging with Youth and Families 3) Increasing Access to Information

The KT strategic planning update was presented at the Feb 20, 2014 CanChild Team Meeting highlighting accomplishments to date and challenges and priorities for moving forward with our plans. A brief summary of the activities is summarized here.

1 “Funding”

Mary Law, Mary Beaudoin, Jan Willem Gorter, Dayle McCauley and Affaf Ahtisham have done a fabulous job continuing work on a revenue generation plan for CanChild.

- In November 2013 they received start-up funding from the Hamilton and District Society for Disabled Children
- Successfully negotiated with McMaster University to retain 100% of revenue generation in CanChild for 2 years.

2 “Increasing Access to Information”


- We have been able to continue posting content on our website, distributing our CanChild Today newsletter and maintain a social media presence on facebook and twitter.
- Developed a one year plan to improve/redesign the CanChild website (starting with the home page) to be more welcoming for youth and families while allowing easy access to the “Service” portion of the website.
• Posted a brief survey on our CanChild website to find out who is visiting and gain feedback on our current homepage.

• Conducted a meeting with youth at a Children’s Rehabilitation Centre to help understand how youth want to use our website.

Two of our doctoral students have received awards for their KT activities

• Lisa Rivard was awarded the Dean’s award for Graduate student Knowledge Mobilization & Innovation

• Tram Nguyen was awarded the Dean’s award for Excellence in Communicating Graduate student research and for Knowledge Mobilization and Innovation.

“KT Science”

• Tram Nguyen has taken the lead on raising the profile of KT on the CanChild website by developing a microsite and collating relevant KT expertise and resources.

• Discussion groups with those interested in KT Science were held at both the EACD and AACPDM meetings in October.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for project funding.

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“Building KT Capacity”

Under Cheryl Missiuna’s leadership, the joint post-doctoral position with CanChild and Bloorview Research Institute (BRI) has been developed and awarded to Coralee McLaren.

While these have been priority areas for us there is still work continuing in other areas of our KT strategic plan.