

# Re-Imagining Rural and Remote Physiotherapy in Saskatchewan

## January 2020 Event Summary

- The goal of this event was to bring together diverse perspectives and stakeholders around the issue of improving access to rural and remote physiotherapy in Saskatchewan.
- The event itself, along with the report, are intended to provide a platform to collaboratively identify and move forward with a number of possible directions to enhance access to physiotherapy services in underserved communities.



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The morning session included panel presentations and discussion on the topics on:

- Practitioner Perspectives on Recruitment and Retention Initiatives
- Rural and Remote Community Perspectives
- Innovative Use of Technology and Teams



*Dr. Veronica McKinney, Northern Medical Services*



*Chris Wiechnik, Northern Assessment Services*

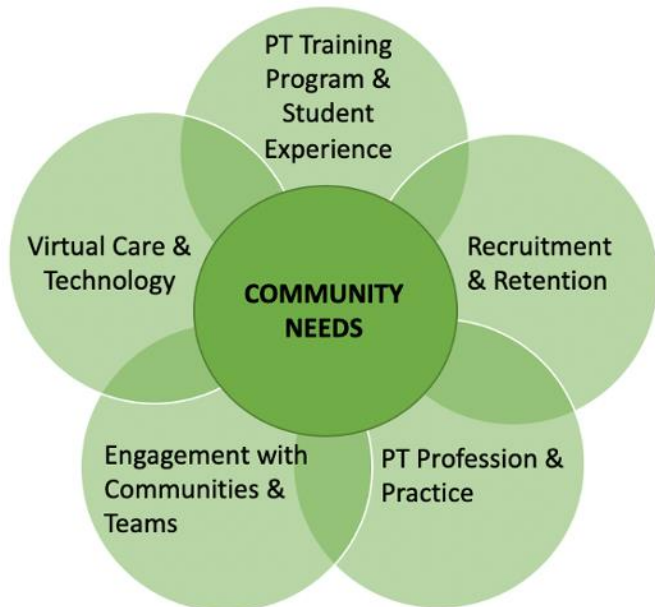
- The afternoon session was a World Café interactive small group discussion.
- Our World Café facilitated discussion provided a platform for collaborative conversation, knowledge exchange, and creation of new ideas.
- Each round, participants travelled to different tables with different topics and built off previous group's discussion points.
- Facilitators at each table collated summary notes that underwent iterative thematic analysis.



*Dr. Katie Crockett, U of S Post-Doctoral Fellow and Elder JB Dorion, Pelican Narrows community member*

# World Café Themes

The five themes focused on different aspects to physiotherapy in Saskatchewan, but all centred on community needs.



## Theme #1 PT Training Program and Student Experience

- Targeted student recruitment strategies
- Supply of new graduates
- Structure of training program
- Student clinic placement experience

## Theme #2 Recruitment and Retention to Rural and Remote Areas:

- Pre-graduation recruitment strategies
- Financial incentives
- Professional and personal development and advancement
- Addressing persisting vacancies
- Engagement with health care teams
- Connecting to communities



World Café discussion

## Theme #3 PT Profession and Practice

- Private/public sector coordination
- Leverage and support innovative practices

## Theme #4 Virtual Care and Technology

- Administration, funding and policies
- Mentoring and training on best practices



Elder Rose Dorion, Pelican Narrows community member and Travis Eveleigh, physiotherapist, Canada Back Institute (CBI)

## Theme #5 Engagement with Community and Teams

- Community engagement coordination
- Team-based care



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Dr. Stacey Lovo and World Café participants

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