



Canadian Professional Association
for Transgender Health

2008 Presidential Address

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Welcome to CPATH 2008!

This conference aims to:

1. Promote discussion of different viewpoints
2. Create the opportunity to influence and learn from one another in the interests of advancing good practice
3. Invite strong but respectful debate

Flip Charts

1. What is your number one priority for the creation of respectful and competent Transgender Health Care in Canada?
2. What could your provincial government do to meet the needs of Transgender communities? (indicate which province you are from)
3. What could CPATH do to help advance Transgender Health Care?



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Step 1 : Building Structure

Building Structure

1. Create a not-for-profit incorporated professional association
2. Increase communication in the following ways:
 - Create Newsletter
 - Create Website
 - Hold Conference CPATH 2008
 - Create on line secured community
3. Increase membership by 20 people
 - Members
 - On line secured community
4. Create a charitable foundation to support the transgender community
 - Give Meaning

2. Increase communication



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Newsletter

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Call for Contributions

Next month's feature:

CPATH 2008

Highlights

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President's June Report

We are in the home stretch!

The conference is days away and I look forward to seeing colleagues and friends and meeting new ones.

I would like to thank the organizing committee for their hard work in putting this program together. They are Dr. Trevor Corneil (Vancouver), Ms. Rebecca Hammond (Toronto), Mr. Rupert Raj (Toronto), Mr. Jim Oulton (Halifax) and Dr. Joan Quinn (St. John's). Nancy Liebs-Benke was our main project support from Front Line

Health. Thank you Nancy!

I would also like to thank our major sponsors for this event, Front Line Health (Astra Zeneca), Rainbow Health Ontario and Egale Canada.

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Member Profile—Helma Seidl

Helma Seidl, MSW, RSW, CCC, graduated with a Master's degree in Social Work from McGill University, a B.S.W., also from McGill, a B.A. (Honours) in Psychology from Carleton University, a RN degree obtained in Austria, Traumatology Certification University of South Florida, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Training, Palo Alto, California.

Helma is currently finishing a combined Ph.D. from McGill and Montreal University. Her Ph.D. dissertation is entitled Socially-constructed gender binary: Restricting a healthy transgender self-identity development and self-identity reformation. Previous research on transgenderism included needs assessments, Post-traumatic stress disorder associated with transgenderism and "self-identity" reformation, research on therapist's knowledge on transgenderism as well as presentations in colleges and universities.



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2008 CPATH Meeting
Ramada Plaza
Toronto, ON
June 27th and 28th

Register

News

We are pleased to announce that the 2008 CPATH Meeting will be held on **June 27th and 28th** at the Ramada Plaza Toronto. [Click here to view the conference program.](#)

"JUST IN TIME" registration will begin June 5th and continue on site during the conference - a late registration fee will apply.

The deadline for abstract submission has passed. If you would still like to submit a LATE BREAKING poster or

Welcome!

We are the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH). CPATH was formed in 2007 when a group of Canadian health care providers met at the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Biannual Symposium in Chicago. The focus of this group was to form a network of care providers across the country that could meet and share ideas and research on an annual basis and also thorough a secured online community.

Find out more about [our on-line community](#).

[conference program](#)

Find out more about our upcoming [conference in Toronto on June 27th and June 28th](#).

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To make sure that you have a positive experience, we've created a "sandbox" for members to use the test forums and "play" in this area before participating in the "real" forums.

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Find out more about the upcoming 2008 CPATH Meeting in Toronto

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This is a forum to discuss internal, external, and intersectoral advocacy by providers and/or transgender identifying persons. Breaking news and creative commentary welcome. Let's work to ensure accessible, appropriate, and sustainable health care services to the transgender

3. Increase Membership

- Oct 2007 – 24 members
- June 2008 – 62 members (71 pending)

4. Create a Foundation

- In process
- Meetings to be held in July
- Currently able to donate through [GiveMeaning.com](https://givemeaning.com)

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Amount Raised: \$75
Fundraising Goal: \$10,000

Project Details

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About This Project

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One of the mandates of the *Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health* is to create a charitable organization. This will benefit us in a number of ways. We will be eligible to apply for grants from other larger charitable organizations as well as receive donations from individuals and groups (through the CPATH website and GiveMeaning). We also plan to use this organization to host fundraising events.

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Friends

(click name for info)

Founder: CPATH



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Step 2 : Assessing Priorities

What is Going on in Transgender Health Care in Canada?

- Main areas of health care for trans people situated in major cities – little in rural and remote
- Many transgender people discriminated against in health care settings
- Transgender people at higher risk of violence perpetrated against them
- Transgender youth at a higher risk for substance abuse, STI's, suicide

What is Going on in Transgender Health Care in Canada?

- Few provinces provide funding for SRS/GCS
- At least 4 provinces require transgender people to travel outside the province for surgical readiness assessment
- No facilities offering comprehensive care from counselling to surgery
- No national guidelines of care

Assessing Priorities

- Gathering information
 - From the conference
 - From the business meeting
 - From bulletin board input
 - From research
 - Trans Pulse Project
 - Canadian National Database Project etc.,

Assessing Priorities

- Where should we focus?
 - National, provincial and/or local

Assessing Priorities

- How should we carry this out?
 - Advocacy versus activism
 - We support activism if it is done through the scope of advocacy
 - Should we have standards of practice vs. standards of care?
 - Should we develop policies?

Assessing Priorities

- As a new organization, it has not been appropriate to create policies without consultation from the membership
- What policies we should have regarding things such as best practices etc., should be decided with input from the membership
- A policy committee will be proposed in the business meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm

Assessing Priorities

- A policy committee will be proposed in the business meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm
- The job of these committees will be to propose policies based on input collected from the membership .
- The direction of the organization depends on your input!

DSM V Controversy

- Considerable debate in the on-line community about this
- Positive aspect – it is healthy to debate best practices
- Challenge is to debate these important issues in a way that does not fracture the first national transgender organization that Canada has had
- We invite you to discuss this issue in our DSM V forum on the bulletin board service

Thank you to the organizing committee!



Nancy Liebs-Benke



Rupert Raj



Rebecca Hammond



Jim Oulton



Trevor Corneil



Joan Quinn

Thank you to my mentors!

- Mr. Jim Oulton
- Dr. Diane Watson
- Dr. Donna Hendrickson
- Dr. Oliver Robinow



...and my family!



...in Closing

- This is an organization that I hope will grow and strengthen over time
- Part of this process is to learn to work together to support each other with the overall goal of improving health care for transgender people across Canada.

...in Closing

- Ask questions
- Be curious
- Meet 5 new people
- Have fun!



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