HDRN Canada

Scientific Director and CEO’s Report

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# Section 1: High-Level Progress Update

## Key progress since the last board meeting:

* The Board and Executive approved and endorsed HDRN Canada’s IDEA Strategy. Project teams are now established with representation across HDRN Canada to move forward with action planning.
* The Executive approved the DASH-related action plans within the DASH Organizational Review. Implementation of the DASH-related plan is now underway, in consultation with sites. Further review and approval of the remaining action plan are now underway.
* HDRN Canada is supporting the exploration and development of an Indigenous-led Community Data Linkage Project(s) in four provinces across Canada.
* The Pragmatic Trials Training Program (PTTP) launched its two-year virtual training program with 75+ competitively selected pan-Canadian learners.
* UBC approved HDRN Canada’s CFI Stream 1 application to proceed to the full competition. We also submitted the Stream 3 Core Facilities application, which better aligns with the needs to develop the Health Data Interoperability Technology (HDIT) Development Program. Invitation to move forward will be announced in September and the full application is due in late January 2025.

## Major milestones for the coming quarter:

* Initial HDRN Canada IDEA Strategy action planning and associated budget for January 2025 – July 2025 will be completed.
* The Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) common data model (CDM) pilot project that included five HDRN Canada sites will be completed in November.
* HDRN Canada’s second annual cross-Working Group and Teams in-person meeting will be held in November. This is an opportunity for members to network in person, make progress on shared initiatives, and plan for the coming year.

## Anticipated and ongoing challenge:

* HDRN Canada is entering the last three years of funding from CIHR, so sustainability is now an ongoing part of our work. We convened a Sustainability Task Force to focus on actions we can take to show the successes and indispensability of HDRN Canada and its members and to secure additional funds for the longer term.
* Some actions related to DASH and creating more opportunities for multi-regional research will be taken on by the Leads and Executives. Planning for this will happen over the next quarter.

# High-Level Key Performance Indicators

