

Patient and Community Advisory Committee Meeting Summary – January 24, 2022

Attendees: Beth, David, Devan, Helen, Jonah, Julie, Lilian, Kathleen, Marilyn, Marlee, Marney, Mary, Nicole, Paula, Sarah B, Sarah G, Sarah S, Sayako, Tamara.

Updates Related to Your Advice to CADTH

This meeting began with an overview of recent activities that related directly to advice from this committee.

The impact of the session for the Learning Series for staff put on by this committee at the annual CADTH Symposium in November 2021 had 196 live attendees with more having listened to the recording since. The abstract that accompanied this session was formally published in the [Canadian Journal of Health Technologies](#) in December 2021; all committee members are listed as co-authors.

In early December, CADTH hosted a very successful panel of individuals with lived experiences of dementia that involved 2 patients and 3 caregivers (at different life stages) as panelists. This came after some proactive outreach to new groups that were not previously familiar with CADTH, as suggested by this committee in past meetings.

Also in December, CADTH's annual effort to rank [emerging trends in health technologies](#) into a top 10 list featured several patients – including a member of this committee – as equal participants in the workshop. This committee member reported back to the others with positive feedback about the experience.

"It was kind of an energizing conversation, but also [had] a requirement to be neutral at the same time. And everyone was very respectful of it, and I felt very welcomed, and I felt like my voice was wanted."

Finally, members of CADTH's leadership team spoke of their recent San'Yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Online training (as recommended by several members of this committee) to ensure that they are well equipped to be able to engage and work with Indigenous communities. The training is continuing to expand to other CADTH staff.

Discussion on Proposed Pan-Canadian Formulary

The remainder of this meeting concerned the work of the [pan-Canadian Advisory Panel on a Framework for a Prescription Drug List](#) – specifically, the [ongoing consultation for stakeholders](#) to provide feedback on the panel's proposed framework. Committee members discussed the proposed framework, and a compilation of their collective opinions will be formally submitted as feedback. Individual members can also submit more specific feedback if they wish.