

# ST. MARY'S RESEARCH CENTRE SEMINAR SERIES

## Where are we, in Canada, in Integrating or Connecting Essential Health and Social Services to Primary Health Care?



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### ABSTRACT:

This research stemmed from a St. Mary's Research Centre based comparative policy analysis study titled *Policies and program innovations that connect primary health care, social services, public health and community support in Canada: A comparative policy analysis* (CPPHC) that look at how Primary Health Care (PHC) connects and integrates with social services, public health and community supports (PHSS). Over the Summer of 2019, Abraham completed a practicum with Dr. Haggerty and Dr. Dionne. His work involved locating where PHSS fell at a Government-level (e.g. Ministry, Division, Branch) in relation to PHC. By comparing different jurisdictions (B.C., MB, ON, QC, N.S.), results reveal disparities with regard to where PHSS fall within governance structure (GS), i.e. if PHSS are integrated/connected with PHC on a government level. Different jurisdictions, including policy makers, clinicians, as well as users, can use this tool to understand others but also their own GS, and identify effective GSs or approaches in their own and other provinces. This could also become an evergreen database.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

**Abraham Abood** completed a summer practicum SMRC. His research focused on understanding the organization of essential health services with respect to Primary Health Care, integrated health services, and comparing and analyzing the approaches of different health systems. In addition to holding a keen interest in policy and program evaluation, he also has training in epidemiological methods, data analysis, statistical methods, and program planning.

**Emilie Dionne** is an Associate scientist at SMRC. Her research focuses on vulnerability in health care practices, care ethics and access to care for vulnerable people. She also has expertise in feminist and intersectional approaches to research and qualitative methodology and is trained as a socio-political theorist.

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Room 3228A  
(Psychiatry)  
St. Mary's Hospital Center  
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Coffee and Cookies

**Everyone is welcome!**