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|  | **MMP – University of Toronto**  **Calgary Consultation meeting**  **April 30, 2016** |

**Attendance**

ECCC staff (MMP team)

15 individuals from the Pilipino Living Caregivers community

**Objectives**

* **Inform** community members of MMP and the research and how it is unfolding.
* **Engage** participants and give them an opportunity to discuss how they may wish to contribute to the research.
* **Discuss** what forms of reciprocity or capacity building would be appropriate through participation in the research project.

**Key Learnings**

* Role of Community in Community Based Participatory Research. Understanding the TROPIC Concept:
  + *Topics*: who chooses the topic? Community, researcher, funder?
  + *Representation*: who is represented?
  + *Ownership*: what is done with the information? Who claims it after?
  + *Power*: We often underestimate the power of participants to influence research
  + *Implementations*: Who gets to do the follow up and the hard work of follow up?
  + *Communication*: Communicating findings, sometimes the findings are not shared or they are shared but not acted upon.
  + *Sustainability* of the outcomes

**Observations**

* Most participants have been exposed to research before as researchers or responders/the researched group.
* Participants demonstrated interests in this particular research by identifying which areas of the research interest them the most:
  + Assessment and information (4)
  + Setting objectives (2)
  + Gathering data (11)
  + Collate and coding (7)
  + Analysis and interpretation (2)
  + Sharing and presentation (7)
  + Information of the knowledge (3)
  + Evaluation (4)

**Facilitated discussions**:

* Capacity building and reciprocity:
  + Learning about policy and advocacy
  + Create a learning space to exchange ideas, ask questions as well as staying up to date with policy changes and other immigration matters.
  + Increased usage of social media
* Community outreach/ strategies and activities:
  + Create a face book page and other social platforms for outreach purposes
  + Identify and reach out to others stakeholders such as other ethno cultural groups, agencies, policy makers and employers.
  + Reach out through Pilipino organisations, churches and social events.
* Engagement:
  + Participation in project events such as working groups
  + Communication between the Advisory Committee with community
  + Connection of RAC and community to engage in conversation to inform each other and hold Q&A to stay connected with the two different environments

**Next Step**

* Planning forum
* Keep availability in mind, inform participants far in advance
* Circulate information pertaining to the project by email