



Bridging the Gap: Bringing Researchers Together

General Discussion Notes

THEME 1: People with lived experience (PWLE)	THEME 2: Interdisciplinary and patient-oriented research
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridge building needs to happen at a human level first: goal to develop relationships• Important to engage PWLE across all stages of research, from the very beginning• Important to include PWLE in various types of (advisory) committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving the research process away from siloes, becoming interdisciplinary is essential• Importance of using authentic, ongoing, and lasting relationships to support meaningful, effective, empowering and beneficial change from collaborative, patient-oriented research
THEME 3: Meaningful knowledge mobilization	THEME 4: Lasting community engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Café Scientifiques to be organized with and within the community (e.g., downtown)• Knowledge mobilization into simple language for PWLE to engage and participate• Trickle down recommendations for improved health care policy and practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community organizations are looking for lasting partnerships• Important to include organizations on various opportunities organically• System access and navigation are huge challenges for community members
THEME 5: Sustainable future of the cluster	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showcasing our work together, demonstrating the cluster is beneficial and successful• Leveraging of additional funding sources (e.g., grants, donor funds) to carry on• Developing an interdisciplinary mental health graduate program	