Scientific Director and CEO's Report – Dec 3, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Supporting multi-jurisdictional research:** Eight multi-jurisdictional requests (including letter of support requests and project intake) have been received since the last Board meeting, with a total of 34 since the launch of the Data Access Support Hub (DASH). Ten of these requests relate to COVID-19.
- **Responding to research priorities:** We continue to provide ~ monthly updates on new resources. The briefing notes can be downloaded from the French and English HDRN Canada COVID-19 webpages.
- **Partnerships and collaborations:**
    - HDRN Canada continues to receive interest in collaboration from across the country.
    - We continue to see interest in and utility of establishing and providing leadership for the Canada HDR-Alliance. This Alliance is designed to enable HDRN Canada to work with external data partners to expand sources and types of data available to researchers via the DASH in a coordinated way.
    - The first meeting of the SPOR CDP Advisory Committee took place on September 29, 2020. The meeting's focus was on the development of a strategic data acquisition roadmap for the network.
- **Finance and administration:**
    - Nothing new to report.
- **Progress on major work streams for the coming year**
    - Four teams were selected through a call for proposals to co-develop new algorithms. The selected researchers will provide content knowledge and input, while HDRN Canada will provide methodological and analytic supports for algorithm development and validation. This is a significant new undertaking for HDRN Canada and appears to be well-received by the research community.
    - Our new Public Advisory Council met for the first time in November 2020. The meeting's focus was introductions, ways of working together and in-scope and out-of-scope activities for HDRN Canada and the PAC.
- **Anticipated challenges**
    - Continued desire for researchers to be able to access data from multiple jurisdictions that are combined in a single location for analysis.