

## SUMMARY OF JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2018 THINK TANK OUTCOMES

On Friday January 12<sup>th</sup>, WCRG hosted the eighth Cancer Research Think Tank. **The objective of the Think Tank is to present and discuss 3 cancer research topics of interest and identify collaborative teams that can work together to bring these projects forward for funding.**

**Number of participants:** 29

**Institutions Represented:** University of Windsor, Windsor Regional Hospital, Windsor Clinical Research Inc, St. Clair College, Wayne State, Henry Ford Health System

**Disciplinary Backgrounds:** Biological Sciences, Nursing, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Medical and Radiation Oncology, Physics, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Administration, Dermatology, Economics, Pathology, Statistics

### Think Tank Outcomes

Lisa Porter, WCRG Translational Research Director opened the Think Tank by welcoming all attendees. She provided an overview of the Agenda, highlighted some upcoming funding opportunities, and shared some updates.

Project leaders presented 3 potential project ideas for future submission, which included:

- Scratching below the Surface: Innovation Opportunities in Dermatology  
Presenter: **Jerry Tan**, MD Dermatology, Windsor Clinical Research Inc
- Stem Cell Transplants  
Presenter: **Caroline Hamm**, MD, Oncology, Windsor Regional Hospital
- Behavioural Nudges  
Presenter: **Tongzhe Li**, PhD, Economics, University of Windsor

Project leads were identified for each proposed project and participants expressed their interest to be included on specific project teams.

Moving forward, each Think Tank will provide an opportunity for project leads in selected areas to present a brief overview of their general research topic. Projects will be selected based on the results of previous Think Tanks and people's willingness to present their ideas.

Participants were asked to provide feedback on the Think Tank. The feedback summary indicates that all participants thought the goals of the Think Tank were achieved and found the collaborative, multi-disciplinary atmosphere and open sharing of ideas very useful. Suggestions for continuing to increase the diversity of participants and help people get to know each other better were provided.

Thank you to Think Tank participants for their on-going commitment to building collaborative research in our region. Sincere appreciation to **Rosa Ferraiuolo**, **Gillian Denomme** and **Ingrid Qemo** for their brilliant note taking - knowledge capture is a key component of the Think Tank success. And thank you to our WCRG CURES Team Volunteers, **Gillian Denomme** and **Vanessa Montemurri** for ensuring the afternoon went smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you are interested in learning more about our Think Tank series, please contact Karen Metcalfe at [karenmet@uwindsor.ca](mailto:karenmet@uwindsor.ca)