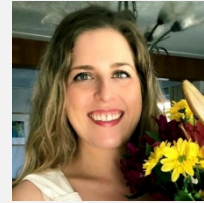


## Since securing CIHR funding in October, here is what we have been busy with...

1. *Survey:* We have developed, piloted, and validated the feasibility survey. There was feedback from the pilot testers and steering committee, which we referenced for the final revision of the questions. Thank you to all those who participated!
2. *Communication:* This is the first of our newsletters, which will be emailed monthly. A website was created this month on the McMaster server, please visit us at [CanOSS.ca](http://CanOSS.ca). Lastly, we finalized our logo (please see the top of this newsletter).
3. *Support Letters:* Thank you to CAM, SOGC, CAPWHN, CPSS, CNN, and PHAC for your support of our project!
4. *Publications:* Study protocol has been accepted by BMJ Open and a commentary was accepted by JOGC: Malhame, Knight, D'Souza. Developing and Implementing a Canadian Obstetric Survey System (CanOSS) for Severe Maternal Morbidity. JOGC. Accepted February 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.
5. *Meetings:* We will be hosting quarterly meetings with all co-investigators aiming to receive feedback and confirm the direction of the project.



**Postdoctoral fellow  
Dr Rebecca Seymour**

Rebecca joins our team after completing her PhD at Coventry University focusing on the postpartum experiences of women with female genital mutilation (FGM) in the UK. She also completed a nursing masters at McMaster University exploring how nurses respond to caring for women exposed to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Rebecca's research interests include women's maternal health, IPV, FGM, and migrant women's maternal health.

In case you have feedback or would like to share something in the next newsletter, kindly contact Rebecca at [seymor@mcmaster.ca](mailto:seymor@mcmaster.ca)

### Next Steps:

1. *Maternity map:* Using the list of facilities providing perinatal care, obtained through the 'Improving Perinatal Health Care Regionalization in Canada' Team at University of British Columbia we are now collecting names and contact information of the unit/clinic leads for each hospital and birth centers. Once contact information is obtained, surveys are ready to be distributed.

### Dates to Remember:

- Next Steering Group Meeting  
March 24<sup>th</sup> @1pm
- Next Newsletter: March 2022

