



Letter of Introduction to Key Informants

December 22, 2010

Research Project: *Assessing Gaps in Culturally Competent Services in Long-term Care for Immigrant Seniors of Newfoundland and Labrador*

Dear ...

I am writing to request your assistance in recruiting participants for MWONL's research project. The purpose of the study is to access the gaps in culturally competent services in long-term care (LTC) for immigrant seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL). Participants will be asked to identify the barriers and gaps that they have experienced or expect to experience if current services remain unchanged. Multicultural Women's Organization of NL (MWONL) received a grant from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to carry out this study partnering with the Seniors Bridging Cultures Club, Seniors Resource Center of NL.

I am working as the Research Officer responsible for conducting the research. We anticipate that this pilot study will lead to a larger and more comprehensive inquiry.

For this pilot study, I hope to conduct five individual interviews and two focus groups with immigrant seniors residing in NL. Eligible candidates are individuals who are 55 years old and over and who were born outside of Canada. Persons who participate in the individual interviews will be interviewed once for approximately one hour. The interviews will take place in the interviewee's home or in a location of his or her choice. Focus group discussions will last between two and two and one half hours. Participants will be assisted with transportation to attend one of the focus group sessions being held at the MWONL's office on **Wednesday January 19, 10:00 am-12:30 pm or Thursday January 27, 2:00-4:30 pm.**

To facilitate your participation a Project Information Sheet is enclosed. We are requesting your assistance by identifying individuals who agree to be contacted by myself or Kaberi Debnath of MWONL to receive a similar package of information about the study. To adhere to ethical standards of research with human subjects, you will not know who agreed to participate.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me by phone or email for more information. I can be reached at 709-864-3419 or dmullings@mun.ca. Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Delores Mullings