Dr. Keenan Announcement

The University of Alberta’s Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Louanne Keenan as associate dean of the Division of Community Engagement for a three-year term commencing September 16, 2019.

Dr. Keenan received a doctoral degree in Human Ecology and Public/Population Health from the University of Alberta, and has a Master of Adult Education, Bachelor of Arts (Economics) and a diploma in Dental Hygiene. She joined the University of Alberta in 1980 as a clinical professor in the School of Dentistry before moving to the Faculty of ALES, the Faculty of Nursing and finally the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry where she is currently an associate professor of family medicine and director of Community Engaged Research.

Dr. Keenan has extensive academic experience in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry including at the School of Dentistry, the Division of Continuous Professional Learning, the Division of Studies in Medical Education, and the Division of Community Engagement.

As director of Community Engaged Research, Dr. Keenan established relationships with community organizations that resulted in students and faculty being invited to collaborate on health care interventions that emphasized greater social accountability and a commitment to forming reciprocal partnerships. She has also been involved in a wide range of community-based health projects around the world including Africa, the Philippines, Asia, and Central and South America. In 2000, she was awarded an Alumni Award, and in 2018 she was awarded the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award by the University of Alberta.

Dr. Keenan’s research areas of interest include low-income immigrant seniors/refugees, female inmates, Indigenous peoples living with HIV/AIDS, children with cognitive disabilities, and Indigenous communities with inadequate oral care. She has also been an active research committee member with several non-profit organizations including Homeward Trust Edmonton, HIV Edmonton, the Aboriginal Seniors Centre, and the YMCA of Northern Alberta.

Thank you to the selection committee for the time invested to make this appointment possible.