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DISCIPLINE SPECIALIZATION: Healthy Public Policies, Healthy Cities and Communities, Health in All Policies (HiAP), Multi-Sectoral Collaboration, Public Health, Health Policy, Healthy Built Environment, Population Health

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2025 – Present

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Associate Professor

July 2025 – Present

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Academic Lead for Master of Health Administration Program

September 2023 - Present

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan, Canada
Adjunct Professor

May 2023 - Present

Saskatchewan Population Health & Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Researcher

July 2022 – July 2025

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Assistant Professor

June 2013 - Present

International Journal of Health Policy and Management, Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran
Editorial Board

October 2020 - July 2022

Saskatchewan Population Health & Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Evaluator



December 2016 - September 2019
School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Research Associate

September 2015 - December 2016
School of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Researcher

February 2011- September 2015
Department of Health Policy, Economics and Management, Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran
Lecturer

September 2009 - September 2010
Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
Teaching Assistant and Seminar Leader

January 2005 - September 2006
Department of Public Health, Ahvaz Jondishapour University of Medical Sciences, Ahvaz, Iran
Lecturer

January 2002 - September 2003
Kashani Hospital, Kerman, Iran
Researcher

September 1998 - September 2000
Hospital Accreditation Office, Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran
Performance Measurement Coordinator

EDUCATION

2006–2010 **PhD in Health Policy and Management**
Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
Thesis: Health care priority setting and implementation in a centralized health system: a case study of Iran

2000–2003 **MSc in Health Management**
Iran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran
Thesis: The impact of participative management (suggestion system) on hospital effectiveness: a case study of Kashani hospital in Kerman, Iran

1994–1998 **BSc in Hospital Management**
Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran
Thesis: Comparing hospital waste management systems between public and private hospitals in Kerman, Iran

RESEARCH FUNDING

Research Funding Overview

➔ **Total Grant Applications (Since 2016): 25**

➔ **Funding Outcomes**

- Grants Awarded: 15
- Active Grants: 11 (Total: \$3,695,000)
- As NPI: 4 (Total: \$535,000)
- Completed Grants: 4
- Grants Under Review: 2
- Grants in Writing: 1
- Grants Declined: 10

Total Funding Received

- All Awarded Grants (N=14): \$3,695,000
- As NPI (N=6): \$542,000

Roles in Grant Applications

- Nominated Principal Applicant: 8 grants
- Co-Principal Applicant: 1 grant
- Co-Applicant: 17 grants

Grants: Awarded

➔ **Active Grants**

1. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Impact Grant)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Key Features of Youth Mental Health Friendly Neighborhood: A Comparative Case Study
Total Amount Awarded: \$150,000
Period of Support: June 2025-June 2027
2. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Catalyst Grant: Policy Research for Health System Transformation)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Cross-Sectoral Collaboration to Improve Outcomes for Children/Youth in Vulnerable Contexts
Total Amount Awarded: \$150,000

Period of Support: March 2023-March 2026

3. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Establishment Grant)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Understanding How Municipalities Work in Partnership with Local Public Health Systems to Enhance Population Health Outcomes and Reduce Health Inequalities
Total Amount Awarded: \$150,000
Period of Support: July 2023-April 2026
4. Funding Source: **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC Insight Development Grant)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Youth Engagement and Well-being: Exploring the Role of Public Art Co-Creation in Marginalized Urban Communities
Total Amount Awarded: \$74,982
Period of Support: June 2025-June 2027
5. Funding Source: University of Regina President's Seed Grant 2025
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Preliminary Stakeholder Dialogues on Urban Design for Mental Health in Regina
Total Amount Awarded: \$7000
Period of Support: July 2025-June 2027
6. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Innovation Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Haizhen Mou, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Improving Primary Care Delivery in Rural Saskatchewan: Evaluating the Implementation of Two Pilot Patient Medical Home Models
Total Amount Awarded: \$50,000
Period of Support: June 2025-June 2026
7. Funding Source: **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC Insight Development Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Jacob Alhassan, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Sustaining Innovative Community-driven Transportation in Northern Saskatchewan: Exploring the Impact of the Kikinahk Free Bus Service on Older Adults' Social Participation and Quality of Life
Total Amount Awarded: \$74,965
Period of Support: June 2024-July 2026
8. Funding Source: **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC Partnership Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Sandra Lapointe, UofMcMaster)
Title of Proposal: Impact Training: Experiential Learning Toolkits to Increase Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Capacity for Research and Innovation in the Social Sector

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,500,000
Period of Support: June 2024-July 2030

9. Funding Source: **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC Insight Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Haizhen Mou, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Universal Childcare and Immigrant Women's Labour Outcomes
Total Amount Awarded: \$375,980
Period of Support: May 2024-June 2027

10. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Impact Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Jacob Alhassan, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Developing Innovative Rural Transportation Solutions for Vulnerable Youth in Northern Saskatchewan: Evaluating the Impact of the Kikinahk Free Bus Service on Mental and Sexual Reproductive Health Services.
Total Amount Awarded: \$150,000
Period of Support: April 2024-May 2026

11. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Align Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Harminder Guliani, UofR)
Title of Proposal: Understanding the Influence of Urban Design on Healthcare Costs: Stakeholder Perspectives
Total Amount Awarded: \$10,000
Period of Support: October 2024-November 2025

12. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Align Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Nicole Hansmeier, UofR)
Title of Proposal: Exploring the Social Acceptability of Wastewater-Based Health Surveillance
Total Amount Awarded: \$10,000
Period of Support: July 2024-August 2025

⇒ **Completed Grants**

1. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Align Grant)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator**
Title of Proposal: Integration of Health into Urban Planning Policies
Total Amount Awarded: \$10,000
Period of Support: January 2023-January 2024

2. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Align Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Angela Baerwald, UofS)

Title of Proposal: Development of an Evidence-Informed Strategy for Primary Care Recruitment and Retention in Saskatchewan

Total Amount Awarded: \$9,998

Period of Support: June 2023-July 2024

3. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Operating Grant: Knowledge Synthesis)

Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Pierre Gerlier Forest, UCalgary)

Title of Proposal: A Scoping Review of Literature on Different Models of Allocating Funds to Facilitate Integrated Care

Total Amount Awarded: \$62,500

Period of Support: May 2018- March 2020

4. Funding Source: **AGE-WELL Network of Centres of Excellence** (NCE Catalyst Funding Program)

Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Myles Leslie, UCalgary)

Title of Proposal: Developing User-Centred Digital Supports for Informal Networks that Provide Care for Elders: A Co-Design Approach

Total Amount Awarded: \$49,000

Period of Support: February 2017-March 2019

→ **Grants: Under Review**

1. Funding Source: **New Frontiers in Research Fund** (NFRF Transformation Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Principal Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Nicole Hansmeier, UofR)
Title of Proposal: Wastewater Surveillance for Public Health: Reimagining Techniques, Communications, and Trust alongside Community
Budget Requested: \$23,209,000

→ **Grants: Declined**

1. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Project Grant)
Funding Role: **Principal Investigator (NPI)**
Title of Proposal: Complete Streets: Impact of Street Revitalization on Mental Health

Budget Requested: \$2,585,000

2. Funding Source: **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC Insight Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Ehab Diab, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Advancing Proximity Planning in Canada Through the Use of Perceived Proximity and the X-minute City Concept
Budget Requested: \$350,000
3. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (Catalyst Grant: Moving Upstream: Structural Determinants of Health)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Jacob Alhassan, UofS)
Title of Proposal: The Structural Determinants of Health: A Western Canadian Study on the Transportation-Racism Nexus
Budget Requested: \$125,000
4. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Operating Grant: Healthy Cities Research Initiative - Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Harminder Guliani, UofR)
Title of Proposal: Understanding the influence of Urban Design on Healthcare Costs: Evidence from Canada using Linked Datasets.
Budget Requested: \$100,000
5. Funding Source: **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** (SHRF Innovation Grant)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Vivian Ramsden, UofS)
Title of Proposal: Co-Designing Models for Integrated, Team-based Primary Care with Saskatchewan Communities/Nations
Budget Requested: \$50,000
6. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Project Grant Fall 2023)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Steven Huffman, York University)
Title of Proposal: Reforming Canada's Public Health Institutions to Rebuild Public Trust
Budget Requested: \$1,915,000
7. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Operating Grant: Healthy Cities Research Initiative - Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts)
Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Harminder Guliani, UofR)
Title of Proposal: The Healthcare Cost of Urban Sprawl



Budget Requested: \$100,000

8. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (Planning Grants for Implementing Healthy Urban Policy Winter 2023)

Funding Role: **Nominated Principal Investigator (NPI)**

Title of Proposal: The partnership between city officials, public health professionals, and researchers to co-design healthy urban policies and programs

Budget Requested: \$68,040

9. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Project Grant Fall 2018)

Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Myles Leslie, UCalgary)

Title of Proposal: Implementing Performance Indicators for the Patient Medical Home: A Deliberative Consensus Approach to Policy Development in Primary Health Care

Budget Requested: \$715,000.

10. Funding Source: **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant Winter 2016)

Funding Role: **Co-Investigator** (Project Lead: Dr. Ronald Labonte, UOttawa)

Title of Proposal: Integrated Governance for Health in All Policies (HiAP) Implementation: A Scoping Review

Budget Requested: \$50,000.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

(* Denotes Graduate Student Mentored, ** Denotes Undergraduate Student Mentored)

→ Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Mahani, A.**, Lyeo, J. S.*, Fung, A.*, Husack, K., Muhajarine, N., Diener, T., Brown, C. (2025). How do Municipal Policy- and Decision-Makers Evaluate the Impact of Their Policies? Insights from the City of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada. *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*, 39, 425-454.
2. **Mahani, A.**, Lyeo, J. S.*, Fung, A.*, Husack, K., Muhajarine, N., Diener, T., & Brown, C. (2024). How Municipal Actors Leverage Evidence to Support Urban Planning: Perspectives from the City of Regina. *Canadian Public Policy*, 50(4), 403-421.
3. **Mahani, A.**, Lyeo, J. S.*, Fung, A.*, Husack, K., Muhajarine, N., Diener, T., & Brown, C. (2024). Barriers to integration of health and equity into urban design policies in Regina, Saskatchewan. *Health Promotion International*, 39(6), daae184.

4. Riley, K., Iakovleva, M., Dueck, E., O'Watch, H., Hurlbert, M., Minot, C., **Mahani, A.**, Ahmed, T., Lynds, M. (2024). Community Perceptions of Sustainability: (Re)Framing what Matters for More Just, Ethical, and Liveable Municipalities. *Local Environment*, 29(3), pp. 296-316. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2024.2306598>
5. Okpalauwaekwe, U., MacPhee, B. K., Balezantis, L., **Mahani, A.**, Zarzeczny, A., Ramsden, V. R., Baerwald, A. (2025). Facilitators, Barriers, and Priorities for Enhancing Primary Care Recruitment and Retention in Saskatchewan, Canada. *BMC Primary Care* (Under Review).
6. **Mahani, A.** Revelli, M*, Zahid, S.**, Ali, S.**, Reid, N. (2025). From Silos to Support: Lived Experiences of Youth and Families in Cross-Sectoral Collaboration Through TRiP (The Regina intersectoral Partnership), *Child & Youth Services*. (Under Review).
7. **Mahani, A.** Kenis, P. Stone, W. Navigating Ambiguity: The Role of Steering Committees in Network Governance – Evidence from the Regina Intersectoral Partnership (TRiP). *Public Administration Review*. (Under Review)
8. Anim-Larbi, M.*, Pupilampu, V., Maposa, S., **Mahani, A.**, Chipanshi, M. (2025). Childhood Immunization Reminder Strategies Available to Parents in North America: A scoping Review Protocol. *PLOS ONE* (In Press).
9. Leslie, M., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Birdsell, J., Forest, P.G., Henderson, R., Gray, R.P., Schraeder, K., Seidel, J., Zwicker, J. and Green, L.A., (2020). An Implementation History of Primary Health Care Transformation: Alberta's Primary Care Networks and the People, Time and Culture of Change. *BMC Family Practice*, 21(1), pp.1-20.
10. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Wittevrongel, K.*, Petermann, L., Graham, I., Zwicker, J. (2020) Stakeholders' Engagement in Co-Producing Policy-Relevant Knowledge to Facilitate Employment for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. *BMC Health Research Policy and Systems*, 18(39), pp. 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12961-020-00548-2>
11. Leslie, M., Gray R.P., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2020). What is 'Care Quality' and Can it be Improved by Information and Communication Technology? A Typology of Family Caregivers' Perspectives. *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences*, 35(1), pp. 220-232. <https://doi.org/10.1111/scs.12837>
12. Leslie, M., Eales, J., Fast, J., Gray, R.P., Magnaye, A., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2020). The Care Capacity Goals of Family Carers and the Role of Technology in Achieving Them. *BMC Geriatrics*, 20(52), pp. 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12877-020-1455-x>
13. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Wittevrongel, K.*, Nicholas, D. B., & Zwicker, J. D. (2020). Prioritizing Barriers and Solutions to Improve Employment for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. *Disability and rehabilitation*, 42(19), 2696-2706.
14. Leslie, M., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, MacKean, G. (2019). Recruitment of Caregivers into Health Services Research: Lessons from a User-Centred Design Study. *BMC Research Involvement and Engagement*, 5(17). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40900-019-0150-6>
15. Leslie, M., Eales, J., Fast, J., Mortenson, W. B., Atoyebi, O., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2019). Towards Sustainable Family Care: Using Goals to Re-Frame the User-Centred Design of Technologies to Support Carers. *International Journal of Care and Caring*. 1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1332/239788219X15597493546652>
16. Masoud A.*, **Khayatzadeh-Mahani A.**, Mehrolhasani M.H. (2019). Features of Effective Intersectoral Collaboration Structure in Health. *Hakim Health Sys Res* (In Persian), 21(3): 191-199.

17. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Nolte, E., Sutherland, J., Forest, P.G. (2018). International Experiments with Different Models of Allocating Funds to Facilitate Integrated Care: A Scoping Review Protocol. *BMJ Open*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2017-021374>
18. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Leslie, M. (2018). Policies Supporting Informal Caregivers Across Canada: A Scoping Review Protocol. *BMJ Open*, 8(6). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2017-019220>
19. Leslie, M., **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Webb, C., Avery, G. (2018). Negotiating ‘Unnecessary’: Micro Clinical, Macro Political, and Co-Production Approaches to Defining Necessity in Care. *Canadian Family Physician*, 64 (8), 562-563. PMID: [PMC6189878](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30189878/)
20. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Ruckert, A., Labonte, R., Kenis, P., & Akbari Javar, M.R.* (2018). Health in All Policies (HiAP) Governance: Lessons from Network Governance. *Health Promotion International*. 34(4), pp. 779-791. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/day032>
21. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Ruckert, A., & Labonte, R. (2018). Obesity Prevention: Co-Framing for Intersectoral ‘Buy-In’. *Critical Public Health*, 28(1), pp. 4-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09581596.2017.1282604>
22. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Labonte, R., Ruckert, A., & de Leeuw, E. (2017). Using Sustainability as a Collaboration Magnet to Encourage Multi-Sector Collaborations for Health. *Global Health Promotion*, 26(1), pp. 100-104. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1757975916683387>
23. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Breton, E. Ruckert, A., & Labonte, R. (2017). Banning Shisha Smoking in Public Places in Iran: An Advocacy Coalition Framework Perspective on Policy Process and Change. *Health Policy and Planning*, 32(6), pp. 835-846. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czx015>
24. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Labonte, R., & Ruckert, A. (2017). Could the WHO’s Framework on Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) be a Threat to Tackling Childhood Obesity? *Global Public Health*, 13(9), pp. 1337-1340. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2017.1342852>
25. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Sedoghi, Z.*, Mehroliassani, M., & Yazdi-Feyzabadi, V. (2015). How Health in All Policies (HiAPs) are Developed and Implemented in a Developing Country? A Case Study of a HiAP Initiative in Iran. *Health Promotion International*, 31(4), pp. 769-781. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/dav062>
26. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, & Takian, A. (2014). Family Physician Program in Iran: Considerations for Adapting the Policy in Urban Settings. *Archives of Iranian Medicine*, 17(11), pp. 776-778. doi:0141711/AIM.0012
27. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Fotaki, M., & Harvey, G. (2012). Priority Setting and Implementation in a Centralized Health System: A Case Study of Kerman Province in Iran. *Health Policy and Planning*, 28(5), pp. 480-494. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czs082>
28. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Fotaki, M., & Harvey, G. (2012). Ethical Theories and Values in Priority Setting: A Case Study of the Iranian Health System. *Public Health Ethics*, 6(1), pp. 60-72. <https://doi.org/10.1093/phe/phs026>
29. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.**, Nekoei-Moghadam, M., Esfandiari, A.*, Ramezani, F.*, & Parva, S.* (2013). Clinical Governance Implementation: A Developing Country Perspective. *Clinical Governance: An International Journal*, 18(3), pp. 186-199. <https://doi.org/10.1108/CGIJ-11-2012-0042>
30. **Khayatzaadeh-Mahani, A.** (2004). Different Type of Customers in Healthcare Organizations. *Iranian Journal of Universal Insurance (In Persian)*, 7(25), pp. 25-28.

31. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2004). The Impact of Customer Satisfaction on Organization's Effectiveness. *Iranian Journal of Tadbir* (In Persian), 141(4), pp. 75-77.
32. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2004). The Impact of Participative Management on Employees' Productivity. *Iranian Journal of Management* (In Persian), 13, pp. 51-53.

→ Peer-reviewed Journal Articles in Progress

1. **Mahani, A.** Ezra, E. From Shared Problem to Shared Solutions: Sustaining Integrated Care for Vulnerable Youth through TRiP in Regina, Canada. *International Journal of Integrated Care*. (in writing).
2. **Akram Mahani,** Bonnie Jeffery, Taylor Hill*, Kaetlyn Phillips, Tom McIntosh, Nuelle Novic. Methods and Frameworks for Evaluation of Collective Impact Initiatives: A Scoping Review of the Literature. *American Journal of Evaluation*. (in writing)
3. **Akram Mahani,** Aleksandra Tymczak*, Yasha Afshar Jalili*, Adele Cassola, Sandra Lapointe, Jean-Christophe Bélisle-Pipon. Formalized partnerships between municipalities and academic institutions across Canada: What do we know about them?. *Urban Policy and Research* (in writing)
4. **Akram Mahani,** Aleksandra Tymczak*, Yasha Afshar Jalili*, Adele Cassola, Sandra Lapointe, Jean-Christophe Bélisle-Pipon. Factors influencing formalized partnerships between municipalities and academic institutions: case studies from Canada. *Science and Public Policy* (in writing)
5. **Mahani, A.** Facilitating Dialogue and Consensus: The Role of the World Café Method in Multi-Stakeholder Engagement. *Qualitative Health Research*. (in writing)

→ Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

1. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.,** Labonte, R., and Ruckert, A. (2018). Global health diplomacy, in: *Oxford Handbook of Global Health Politics*, editors: Kelley Lee, Colin McInnes, Jeremy Youde, Publisher: Oxford University Press.

→ Reports

1. **Mahani, A.,** Ali, S.**, Zahid, S.**, Rizai, M.*, Thomsen, E.*, Petermann, L., Townsley, K.**, Afshar Jalili, Y.*, Ratuszniak, A.*, Martin, J.*, Fohr, R.**, McKenna, E.* (2024). Cross-Sectoral Collaboration to Improve Outcomes for Children/Youth in Vulnerable Contexts. Policy Dialogue Report. <https://hdl.handle.net/10294/16268>
2. **Mahani, A.** Lyeo, J.S.* , Fung, A.* , Thomsen, E.* , Rizai, M.* , Stone, W., Dudar, L., Reid, N., Black, D., Frei, L., Al-Humuzi, N.** , Alhassan, J., Ali, S.** , Zahid, S.** (2024). Fostering Synergy: Enhancing Child and Youth Outcomes through Collaboration Across Human Service Organizations - Insights from TRiP (The Regina intersectoral Partnership). Research Findings Report. <https://ourspace.uregina.ca/items/0b385416-600a-4fce-85ca-f5f6309f3c88>
3. **Mahani, A.** Akwen, N., Jeffery, B., Novik, N., & McIntosh, T. (2023). Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusions for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Care Partners in Rural

Saskatchewan. Process Evaluation Report. Regina. SK. *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*.

4. Akwen, N. Jeffery, B., **Mahani, A.**, Novik, N., & McIntosh, T. (2023). Evaluation Report: City of Yorkton Facility Audit (Dementia Supports in Rural Saskatchewan Initiative). Regina, SK. *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*.
5. Jeffery, B., Novik, N., McIntosh, T., **Mahani, A.** (2021). Dementia Knowledge Survey Report. Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusion of Older Adults with Dementia in Saskatchewan. *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*.
6. **Khayatzaeh-Mahani, A.**, Forest, PG. (2017). Methods of Payment to Hospitals: Towards a Typology. Discussion Paper. *The School of Public Policy*. University of Calgary.

→ **Policy Briefs**

1. **Mahani, A.**, Lyeo, J. S. *, Fung, A. *, Ali, S. **, Husack, K., Muhajarine, N., Diener, T., Brown, C. (2024). Barriers to Healthy Urban Design Policies: Perspectives from the City of Regina in Saskatchewan. *Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy*. Available at: <https://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/research-ideas/publications-and-policy-insight/policy-brief/urban-design-health-policy.php>
2. **Mahani, A.**, Petit, M. *, Stone, W., Dudar, L. (2023). Coordinating Human Service Systems for the Vulnerable: Lessons from The Regina intersectoral Partnership (TRiP). *Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy*. Available at: www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca
3. McIntosh, T., **Mahani, A.**, Jeffery, B., Novik, N. (2021). Enhancing Social Inclusion for Older Adults Living with Dementia: A Community-Based Collective Impact Approach in Rural Saskatchewan. *Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy*. Available at: www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca
4. Walsh, C.M. *, **Khayatzaeh-Mahani, A.**, Leslie, M. (2019). Towards Social Services System Integration: A Report from Alberta's Elder Care Support Provision Community. *The School of Public Policy Publications*. 12(16). <https://doi.org/10.11575/sppp.v12i0.61837>

→ **Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles**

1. **Mahani, A.**, Lyeo, J.S. *, Muhajarine, N. (2024) New Study Reveals Four Critical Barriers to Building Healthier Canadian Cities. February 14, 2024. *The Conversation Canada*. <https://theconversation.com/new-study-reveals-four-critical-barriers-to-building-healthier-canadian-cities-218306>
2. Leslie, M., **Khayatzaeh-Mahani, A.**, Webb, C. (2017). Quantity or Quality of Life: Balancing moral priorities as the population ages. *Swiss Medical Weekly*, <https://smw.ch/en/oped/post/quantity-or-quality-of-life/>

→ **Guidelines**

Alebachew, M., Baggio, O., Burton-Jeangros, C., Datta, B., Forland, F., Howard, N., **Khayatzaeh-Mahani, A.**, et al. (2018) Communicating Risk in Public Health Emergencies. A WHO Guideline for

Emergency Risk Communication (ERC) Policy and Practice. World Health Organization.
<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241550208>

→ Media Engagement

1. **CBC Morning Edition Radio Show** with Stefani Langenegger on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:10 am available at: <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-66-the-morning-edition-sask>

→ Newsletter Articles

1. **Mahani, A.** (2024). Barriers to Building Age-Friendly Cities in Canada. Age Friendly Regina Newsletter. May 2024. available at: <https://agefriendlyregina.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Age-Friendly-Regina-Newsletter-May-2024.pdf>

→ Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

1. **Mahani, A.** Rizai, M*. Zahid, S**. Revelli, M*. Ali, S**. Al-Humuza, N*. Thomsen, E. (2025) Breaking Down Silos: Cross-Sectoral Collaboration to Support Vulnerable Youth in Regina Saskatchewan. Oral Presentation at CAHSPR (Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research) Conference. May 26-29, 2025. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
2. **Mahani, A.** Ali, S**. Zahid, S**. Revelli, M*. (2025) Beyond Tokenism: Embedding Health Equity in Municipal Decision-Making. Oral Presentation at APHEO 2025 Conference: Bridging Health Inequities: Strengthening Public Health Practice through Intentional Equity-based Approaches, May 4-6, 2025. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.
3. **Mahani, A.** Al-Humuza, N*. Zahid, S**. Ali, S**. Stone, W. Thomsen, E*. Rizai, M*. Alhassan, J. (2025). Factors influencing cross-sectoral collaboration to improve outcomes for children and youth vulnerable context. Poster Presentation at Canadian Public Health Association Conference. April 29-30, 2025. Winnipeg, Manitoba.
4. **Mahani, A.** Al-Humuza, N*. Zahid, S**. Ali, S**. Rizai, M*. Revelli, M*. Thomsen, E*. (2025). Advocating for Collective Impact: Lessons from Cross-Sectoral Collaboration to Support Vulnerable Children and Youth in Canada. Poster Presentation at Interdisciplinary Social Accountability in Healthcare (ISACH) Conference. March 1, 2025. Massey College, Toronto.
5. **Mahani, A.,** Lyeo, J.S.*, Fung, A.*, Husack, K., Muhajarine, N., Diener, T., Brown, C., Ali, S**, Zahid, S.** (2024). *What are the Barriers to Building Healthy Cities and Communities: Perspectives from the City of Regina, Saskatchewan.* Poster Presentation at CAHSPR (Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research) Conference. May 14-16, 2024. Ottawa, Ontario
6. Okpalauwaekwe, U.*, Merriman, H.P., Smith, H.T., **Mahani, A.**, Kusheriuk, M., Ermel, D., Osman, M., Yu, J., MacLean, C., Witt, J., Oyedokun, T., Fehr, C., Muller, A., MacLean, B., Balezantis, L., MacPhee, B., Campbell, J., Reis, O., Roodt, J., Smith, S., Wong, M., Hosain, J., Lawrence, K., Ruddy, G., Gordon, J., Opikokew-Wajuntah, C., Zarzeczny, A., Karnitsky, M., Ge, F., Daniel-Whyte, S., Ramsden, VR., Baerwald, A. (2023). *Development of an Evidence-Informed Strategy for Primary Care Recruitment and Retention in Saskatchewan, Canada.* Poster

- Presentation at 51st NAPCRG Annual Meeting. October 30 - November 3, 2023. Hilton San Francisco Union Square in San Francisco, California (USA).
7. SahAkwen, N., **Mahani, A.**, Jeffery, B., Novik, N., McIntosh, M. (2023). *“The 5-year Grant Period is Over Before You Know It”*: Rethinking Sustainability Planning for Enduring Community-Led Dementia Friendly Interventions. Poster Presentation at the Canadian Association on Gerontology- CAG2023: Community Engaged Teaching, Research & Practice. October 26-28, 2023. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
 8. Jeffery, B., **Mahani, A.**, McIntosh, M., Novik, N., SahAkwen, N. (2023). *Engagement of Persons with Lived Experience of Dementia in Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating Community-Driven Programs*. Poster Presentation at the Canadian Association on Gerontology- CAG2023: Community Engaged Teaching, Research & Practice. October 26-28, 2023. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
 9. **Mahani, A.**, Jeffery, B., Washington, L., McIntosh, M., Novik, N., Harazny, M. (October 2022) *Implementation of a Policy Instrument to Assess Age and Dementia Friendliness of Public Facilities in Rural Saskatchewan*. Canadian Association on Gerontology- CAG2022: Closing the Research-Practice Gap: Knowledge Mobilization & Implementation Science. October 20-22, 2022. Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.
 10. Leslie, M., Gray, R. P., Birdsell, J., Crowshoe, R., Forest, P.G., Green, L., MacDonald, T., **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Schraeder, K., Seidel, J., Zwicker, J., Henderson, R. (2019). *Key Challenges for Alberta’s Primary Care Networks*. CASHPR Conference, Halifax, Canada.
 11. Leslie, M. & **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2018). *Evolving How we Design Gerontechnology Software: User-Centered Design and the Shift from ‘Needs’ to ‘Goals’*. Caregiver-Centered Design of Gerontechnologies for Supporting Unpaid Care in the Community organized by International Society of Gerontechnology XI World Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA.
 12. Leslie, M., & **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2018). Researcher Panelist presenting *“Tracking Down Caregiver Goals: Co-Design in Action at Technology that Cares”*. <https://events.huddol.com/event/technology-that-cares/>
 13. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Fotaki, M., Harvey, G. (2007). *Comparing Criteria and Approaches to Health Care Priority Setting between Developed and Developing Countries*. Priorities and Equity in Health Care Policy: 12th Annual Conference of the Italian Health Economics Association (Oral Presentation). Florence, Italy
 14. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.**, Fotaki, M., Harvey, G. (2007). *Health Care Priority Setting in the Centralized Health System of Iran*. Manchester Business School Annual Doctoral Conference (Oral Presentation). Manchester, UK
 15. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani, A.** (2007). *A Review of Mechanisms to Curb Hospital Costs*. 5th European Conference on Tropical Medicine and International Health (Poster Presentation). Amsterdam, Netherlands
 16. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani A.**, Salavati, S., Asadzadeh, F. (2006). *Factors Influencing Patient Satisfaction with Hospital Services at Maragheh Hospitals in Iran*. International Hospital Federation Asian Pacific Regional Conference (Oral Presentation). Taipei, Taiwan
 17. **Khayatzadeh-Mahani A.** (2005). *How Does a Comprehensive Hospital Disaster Plan Look Like?* 2nd Annual Canadian Risk and Hazards Network Symposium (Poster Presentation). Toronto, Canada

18. **Khayat-zadeh-Mahani A.,** Shoryabi A. (2005). *Assessment of Breast Cancer Medical Records in the Iranian Educational Hospitals*. Health World Asian Medical Congress (Poster Presentation). Singapore
19. **Khayat-zadeh-Mahani A.** (2003). *Implementation of Participative Management (Suggestion System): A Case Study of Kashani Hospital in Kerman, Iran*. The Fourth National Conference on Suggestion System (Poster Presentation). Tehran, Iran
20. **Khayat-zadeh-Mahani A.** (2003). *Impact of Participative Management (Suggestion System) on Effectiveness of Kashani Hospital in Kerman, Iran*. 4th Conference of Quality Managers (Oral Presentation). Tehran, Iran
21. **Khayat-zadeh-Mahani A.,** Zaboli R. (2003). *How to Develop Hospital Networks in Disasters? 1st Congress of Health and Crisis Management in Disasters* (Poster Presentation). Tehran, Iran
22. **Khayat-zadeh-Mahani A.,** Zaboli R. (2003). *Analysis of the Iranian Market for Health Services and Necessity of Government's Interference in this Market through Determining Tariffs*. 1st Congress on Exploring Medical Tariffs (Poster Presentation). Tehran, Iran

→ Presentations of Research Findings to Non-Academic Audience

1. **Mahani, A.** (2024). *Cross-sectoral collaboration to improve outcomes for children/youth in vulnerable contexts*. Policy Research for Health System Transformation. End-of-Grant Policy Research Roundtable. October 29 & 30 @ 12.00 – 3.00 pm ET (Virtual Presentation)
2. **Mahani, A.,** Ali, S.**, Zahid, S.** (2024). *Integrating Health and Equity into Urban Design Policies*. Annual Assembly of Urban Public Health Network (UPHN). June 13, 2024. (Virtual Presentation)
3. **Mahani, A.** (2024). *Fostering Synergy: Enhancing Children and Youth Outcomes through Collaboration Across Human Service Organizations - Insights from TRiP (The Regina intersectoral Partnership)*. Presented at Policy Dialogue Event on Thursday February 29, 2024. (In-Person Presentation in Regina)
4. **Mahani, A.** (2024). *Integration of Health and Equity into Urban Design Policies*. Presented research findings to Mayor of Regina, Chief Medical Office of Saskatchewan, and City Administration on Monday March 11, 2024. (Virtual Presentation)
5. **Mahani, A.** (2023). *Bringing it All Together: A Collective Impact Case Study*. Presented at JS GS 830 AA MHA Residency I on Sunday February 12, 2023. (In-Person Presentation in Regina)
6. **Mahani, A.** (2022). Presented Research Plan on “*Healthy Sustainable Cities and Communities*” to the City of Regina alongside a team of University of Regina researchers, led by Dr. Chris Yost, Vice President of Research on November 7, 2022. (In-Person Presentation in Regina)
7. Zwicker, J., **Mahani, A.,** Wittevrongel, K.* (2018). *Engaging Different Stakeholder Groups to Unpack the ‘Wicked’ Problem of Employment of Neurodiverse Albertans*. Presented research findings to policy and decision makers at the Ministry of Community and Social Services in Edmonton, Alberta, December 3, 2018. (In-Person Presentation in Edmonton)

→ Workshops

1. Jeffery, B. **Mahani, A.** McIntosh, M. Novik, N. Harazny, M. (2022). *Using a collective impact approach to enhance social inclusion for older adults with dementia and their care partners in rural Saskatchewan*. Workshop Presentation at the Canadian Association on Gerontology- CAG2022: Closing the Research-Practice Gap: Knowledge Mobilization & Implementation Science. October 20-22, 2022. Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

→ Policy Dialogue Events Organized

1. **Mahani, A.**, Ali, S.**, Zahid, S.**, Rizai, M.*, Thomsen, E.*, Petermann, L., Townsley, K.**, Afshar Jalili, Y.*, Ratushniak, A.*, Martin, J.*, Fohr, R.**, McKenna, E.* *Cross-Sectoral Collaboration to Improve Outcomes for Children/Youth in Vulnerable Context: Insights from TRiP (The Regina intersectoral Partnership)*. Funded by CIHR and SHRF, Held at Mâdawêyatîtan Centre on Thursday February 29, 2024, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM
2. **Mahani, A.**, Zwicker, J., Wittevrongel, K. *Employment for Persons with Developmental Disabilities*. Held at the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary on June 19, 2017, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
3. Wittevrongel, K., **Mahani, A.**, Zwicker, J. *Meaningful Employment for Neuro-Diverse Adults*, Held at the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary on June 27, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

→ Community Presentation

1. **Akram Mahani**, Andrew Stevens (University of Regina), Tzu-Chiao Chao (University of Regina), Patti Sonntag (journalist, Global News), Jennifer Ackerman (Regina Leader-Post), Kurtis Doney, (City of Regina), Alexander Quon (CBC Saskatchewan) (2024). *There is lead in our water... now what? A panel discussion organized by Patricia (Trish) Elliott at First Nation University. Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre in Regina. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM.*
2. Nicole Hansmeier (Luther College, UofR), Tzu-Chiao Chao (UofR), **Aram Mahani** (JSGS, UofR), Colleen Strauch (Luther College, UofR), Jacob Alhassan (UofS), Cassandra Opikokew Wajuntah (UofS). *Wastewater-Based Health Monitoring (WBHM) and its potential role in public health for Saskatchewan communities. Regina Public Library (George Bothwell Branch), Monday, November 4, 2024, 1:30-3:30 PM.*

→ PEER REVIEW FOR JOURNALS

- International Journal of Health Policy and Management
- Health Research Policy and Systems

→ PEER REVIEW FOR Funding Agencies

- **New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF)**

Reviewing 15 NFRF Exploration grants in December 2024 and January 2025

→ TEACHING

Fall Courses:

Course Name: JSGS 833: Performance Measurement in Healthcare Organizations

Program and School: Master of Health Administration at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Winter Courses:

Course Name: JSGS 832: Population-Based Health Program Management

Program and School: Master of Health Administration at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Course Name: JSGS 824: Health Program Planning and Evaluation

Program and School: Master of Health Administration at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Spring Courses:

Course Name: JSGS 823: Health Promotion

Program and School: Master of Health Administration at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Course Name: NURS 900AI Guided Independent Study on Scoping Review in Nursing Practice

Program and School: PhD in Nursing at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Regina

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Academic Lead of Master of Health Administration Program

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
July 2025-Present

Founder and Editor-in-Chief of International Journal of Health Policy and Management (IJHPM)

June 2013-September 2021

Director of PhD Program in Health Policy

Department of Health Policy, Economics and Management, School of Management and Medical Informatics, Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran
Nov 2014-Sep 2015

Deputy Director for Education

Institutes for Future Studies in Health, Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Kerman, Iran,
July 2011-Sep 2014

Director of Health Policy Division

Research Centre for Health Services Management, Institute for Future Studies in Health, Kerman University of Medical Science, Kerman, Iran
April 2011-Sep 2015

Director of Undergraduate Program (BSc Degree) in Health Management

Department of Public Health, School of Health, Ahvaz Jondishapour University of Medical Sciences, Ahvaz, Iran
Jan 2005 – Sep 2006

→ **Professional Association Membership**

- Member of the *Iranian Hospital Management Association* since 1997
- Member of the *IHEA (International Health Economic Association)* 2008-2011
- Member of *Canadian Evaluation Society* since 2020
- Member of *Canadian Economics Association* since March 2024

→ **Awards and Recognitions**

- The Best Postgraduate Student of the Year at Manchester Business School, UK, 2010
- Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) 2025 Excellence Award, application to SHRF Impact/Innovation grant ranked first in the competition

→ **Public Profiles**

- **Google Scholar**

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=gQiNKJcAAAAJ&hl=en>

- **ResearchGate**

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Akram_Mahani

- **LinkedIn**

<https://ca.linkedin.com/in/akram-mahani-02992a26>