

If at first you don't succeed,
try, try again...

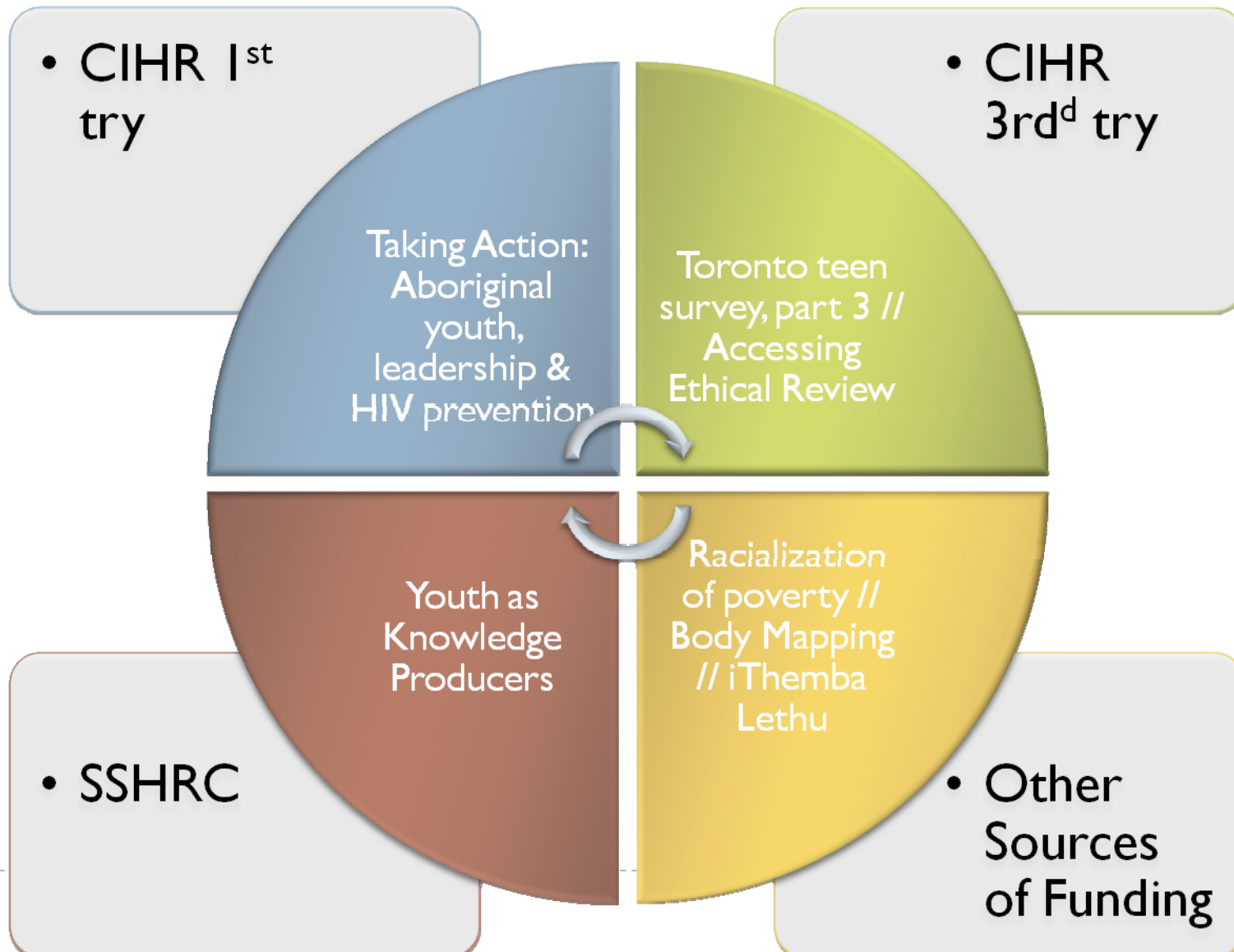
Sarah Flicker – advice on CIHR applications

Develop a thick skin

- ▶ “This is not an important issue facing Canadians”
- ▶ “The PI has moderate productivity as measured by moderate output in moderate impact journals”
- ▶ “I don’t think this researcher has any clue how to develop a standardized survey instrument”
- ▶ “She has done some interesting work”
- ▶ “I think this would be better as a seed grant”



My research program



General Tips

- ▶ Way better luck in the priority announcements
- ▶ Write in teams with experienced mentors
- ▶ Start **WAY** in advance
- ▶ Pay attention to all the mini details
- ▶ Deal with your CV early and often (not same as SSHRC!)
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with RN and CIHR forms
- ▶ Get community/clients/patients involved
- ▶ Try and get small/seed funding first
- ▶ Pilot data or do lots of prep work
 - ▶ Eg systematic review, pilot test instrument



Social Science/Humanities

- ▶ Avoid discipline-specific jargon
 - ▶ reflexive, snow-ball, grounded theory: they won't get it
- ▶ Use their jargon
- ▶ E.g Knowledge translation and exchange, refer to federal strategies
- ▶ Speak to your audience
 - ▶ Do some homework on the review committee and “write to them”
 - ▶ Talk to and liaise with program officers/staff
- ▶ Use the reviewer suggestions to your advantage
 - ▶ Review when asked



Pay attention to politics

- ▶ If you say National... Make sure to include Quebec
- ▶ If you say policy, make sure you have a policy partner
- ▶ Take gender seriously
- ▶ Research in partnership with Aboriginal communities must follow new guidelines
- ▶ Define your terms
- ▶ Cite prominent Canadians and/or people you know will be on the committee



York Specific Tips

- ▶ Get support from your faculty Research Officer and/or Research Centre
- ▶ YIHR (among others) is there to help...



Diversify // Leverage your strategy

