

PHSA Health Symposium Terms of Reference

Introduction & Purpose

Health care is experiencing change like never before. The provincial and federal governments and most importantly, the public, are demanding healthcare reform - a system that is sustainable, accountable and responsive to the needs of British Columbians. In one of its first initiatives, the Ministry of Health created a new model for specialized service delivery with the PHSA, which is, in essence, the application of the program management model at a provincial level. Program management places the patient at the centre of care. At this level, this model is not only unique to British Columbia but also to Canada where care is almost entirely organized by geographical boundaries.

The purpose of the PHSA Health Symposium is to examine and apply the key issues and latest developments in healthcare to the PHSA's specialized niche and structure thereby providing the Board with a greater context for decision-making and priority setting and enabling the PHSA to respond quickly to pressing issues and exploit new opportunities for health reform. National and international experts from various fields will be engaged annually in Vancouver to discuss and apply issues and opportunities in health care with the Board of the PHSA.

Participants:

Deputy Minister, MOH Staff; Presidents & Executive Directors PHSA Agencies; Health Authority Board Chairs & Presidents/CEOs

Main Objectives:

- Seek input and advice from leaders in national health care and explore opportunities for the PHSA to be leaders in innovative health approaches.
- Challenge the application of traditional approaches to health care in relation to today's new and changing environment and explore new and innovative methodologies and structures.
- Identify research that critically examines the current systems and structures for health care delivery.
- Examine the progress and lessons learned in health systems in other parts of the world as they implement new models of health care.
- Seek opportunities for inter-provincial or inter-organizational opportunities for collaborating on health reform, particularly for specialized, provincial services.
- Build upon the coordinated, comprehensive approach to health reform, leading to the identification of best practices standards and evidence-based health.
- Discuss key health care issues at a federal and provincial level and, given the PHSA's uniqueness, develop an organizational response to system-wide issues and initiatives.