



Rural Coordination Centre of BC

Enhancing rural health through education and advocacy

Linking community needs and policy development with the JSC

Applications are invited from physicians in BC rural practice to lead the innovative and inspiring Rural Co-ordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) in the position of **Executive Director**.

RCCbc is a physician led group – unique in Canada – with strong inter-professional connections, and has national and international liaisons. Focusing upon rural patients, rural health professionals and rural communities, and operating through relationship development, it has the overall goals of co-ordinating rural medical education; assisting/informing rural health policy development; visioning; and rural health advocacy, through six areas of interest:

1. Education and Training
2. Recruitment and Retention
3. Communications and Engagement
4. Specific Populations
5. Models of Health Service Delivery
6. Program Evaluation and Rural Health Services Research and Quality Improvement.

The RCCbc maintains close collaboration with Rural Education Action Plan (REAP); UBC Rural Continuing Professional Development (R-CPD); the Rural & Remote Division of Family Practice; many Sections, Committees and Councils of the Doctors of BC (DoBC); and Departments within the UBC Faculty of Medicine as well as other organisations/associations and initiatives.

The Executive Director (ED) will be responsible for maintaining close working relationships with the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC), the Rural Issues Committee of DoBC (RIC), DoBC staff, the UBC Professor and Head of Family Practice, the Chair of Rural Medicine, the UBC Rural Advisory committee, the Dean of Medicine and the CEO of HealthMatch BC.

RCCbc funding is provided through the Doctors of BC/Ministry of Health provincial Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA), managed by the JSC.

Besides having demonstrated excellence in rural medical practice and physician leadership in rural BC, the successful applicant will have a UBC teaching appointment; strong connections with the DoBC; the BC Ministry of Health (MoH); the University of BC (UBC) and UBC R-CPD; the Society of Rural Practitioners of Canada (SRPC), the College of Family Practitioners of Canada (CFPC); all Health Authorities; HealthMatch BC; St. Paul's Hospital and Saanich Peninsula Hospital project management teams, and a working knowledge/association with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC); other universities with rural medical

programs; and the Canadian Medical Association. Ever alert for 'Gaps and Overlaps' and opportunities and threats to rural policy and practice in BC, the ED will develop other relationships and interventions as opportunities arise.

The position reports to, and takes direction from, the JSC. In addition, the position reports to the Professor and Head, Department of Family Practice, UBC.

The Executive Director will lead the Centre, providing advice and direction to the Sector Leads, project leads, various networks and other groups working on rural health initiatives. The ED will at all times work to develop relationships that augment rural health and health care delivery.

The ED will chair regular Management and Core committees, including setting the agenda in collaboration with the Executive Manager and Associate Directors of RCCbc; attend Joint Standing Committee (JSC) meetings; attend meetings of the Rural Issues Committee (RIC) of the DoBC and other meetings as requested and appropriate.

The ED is responsible for budget preparation, management and presentation, and staff management, through the Executive Manager.

The position has a four-tenths time requirement (0.4 FTE), some of which may be managed with remote technology, and it is understood that the successful applicant will also be available by phone and e-mail throughout the year.

Remuneration and travel allowance will be similar to sessional payment structures, no benefits apply to this position.

Further information may be sought from the Selection Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Alan Ruddiman and Mr. Rod Frechette.

Applications should be sent in confidence to:
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This posting will close at 11:59pm on Friday, November 6th