

Invitation to participate in Rural Site Visits Project

Rural practice has some of the most skilled people in health care, creates some of the most interesting innovations – yet not many folks seem to realize this. We want to raise the profile of rural practice and have it understood and valued throughout the province. We also understand that a successful healthcare practice is not support just by healthcare providers, but by the community as a whole.

The Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC) has tasked the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) with offering to visit every community that is a beneficiary of the Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) between 2017 and 2020. The objective of these visits is to connect with rural practices to hear about what the context of your practice is (what innovations you have, what are your successes, what your biggest problems are) in hopes of feeding this information back to the JSC and to better support feedback loops between rural practitioners and the programs they use.

In order to ensure we capture all perspectives that go into supporting health care in community, we would like to invite you to be a part of this project if you are willing. As a community leader, you have a role in supporting healthcare practice in your community, and have an important perspective that we would greatly like to hear from. We understand that there are many demands on your time, but would greatly appreciate if you would be willing to contribute your thoughts and perspective to this project.

At this point in time, we would like to ask you if you would be interested in working with us on this project by participating in a group interview at your location that will use open ended questions and seek your views on the areas outlined above. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can withdraw from participation at any time. In our reporting, individual identities will be kept confidential and all data will be anonymized. We anticipate that this group interview will include healthcare providers, administrators, as well as other leaders from the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Gemma McEachern directly by phone at 604-738-8222 or by email at gmceachern@rccbc.ca

Many thanks,

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