

Support Our Health Care Society of Princeton

Goals and Activities for 2018

1. Continue our involvement in the Princeton Health Care Steering Committee, supporting the development of an improved and sustainable health care model for Princeton and Area.
2. Collaborate with our local practitioners and the South Okanagan Division of Family Practice in support of the provincial initiative to reform primary health care in the province.
3. Support the Cascade Medical Group in their efforts to provide the best possible healthcare service to Princeton and Area residents.
4. Continue to work with the BC Health Coalition in support of their goals, which include:
 - lobbying the federal government to develop and implement a new Health Accord in cooperation with the Provinces and Territories
 - development of a poverty reduction plan for BC
 - implementation of best practices in the reduction of wait times
 - improvement of access to services for people living in rural/remote BC
 - providing information on the ongoing Brian Day legal challenge to public health care
5. Maintain active membership in the BC Rural Health Network, working with healthcare advocacy organizations across the province of BC to improve access to healthcare services in rural and remote areas of the province.
6. Continue active involvement as a member of the South Okanagan Similkameen Rural Corridor Community Coalition.
7. Provide community information on available health care services, to include:
 - organization and presentation of the Community Health Care Workshop series
 - printing and distribution of the Princeton and District Health Guide (information booklet)
8. Continue the work being done by the Art for Health working group whose goal is to improve and enhance the aesthetic appearance of Princeton General Hospital and Cascade Medical Centre.
9. Support recruitment and retention efforts aimed at completing our team of medical practitioners, nurses, and professional staff at Princeton Health Centre.
10. Work in partnership with local health and healthcare organizations in the realization of their goals, to include Princeton Community Services Society, Princeton Family Services, and Public Health Services.
11. Provide information to the public on the health care platforms of candidates running in the upcoming municipal and regional district election, through information gathered in interviews and questions presented at an all candidates public forum.
12. Advocate for legislation that would allow Physician Assistants to operate in the province.

13. Continue to work with universities, colleges, and Interior Health in support of research and other initiatives aimed at improving the rural health care model. Present research initiatives include:
- *Similkameen Mental Health Project: Services and Supports for Adults 50 and Over Mental Health for Older Adults* (Dr. Nelly Oelke, et al, UBCO)
 - *The Entrepreneurial Activities of Citizen-Led Coalitions in Supporting Rural Older Adults in Healthcare* (Dr. Kathy Rush, et al, UBCO, TRU, IH)
14. Continue support for the “Love a Locum” campaign.