

PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION



Health
Association
of BC

Between the
UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)
and the

HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (Health Association)

UNION OF
BRITISH
COLUMBIA
MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS:

1. The Health Association represents health authorities and other organizations that provide health services in the Province of British Columbia.
2. The UBCM represents local governments, comprised of municipalities and regional districts, in the Province of British Columbia.
3. The UBCM and the Health Association have common interests in the social, economic and environmental well being of the province and its communities and particularly in the importance of the health system to communities and their residents.
4. The Health Association and UBCM members have many shared interests in achieving their mandates, including but not limited to: the delivery of health services; funding for health authorities; the health capital planning process; the recruitment and retention of health professionals; and improving communication and consultation among health authorities, regional hospital districts, local governments and the public.

THEREFORE:

This Protocol represents a commitment by the Health Association and the UBCM to work together to achieve the province-wide benefits of collaboration on issues of mutual interest in support of improved well-being of all British Columbians.

PRINCIPLES:

The following principles pertain to this Protocol and the actions arising from the Protocol. These principles are:

- Mutual respect for each Party's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and an assurance that the Protocol does not fetter the individual mandates of the parties;

COMMITMENT:

In witness of this Agreement the parties have executed this Protocol on Consultation and Cooperation at Vancouver on September 27, 2001.

SIGNED on behalf of the HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA by:


George Peary
Director, Executive Committee

SIGNED on behalf of the UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES by:


Jim Abram
President


Susan Gimse
Chair, Health Committee

- Co-operation in the development and distribution of information and collaboration on mutually beneficial educational opportunities; and
- Harmonization of projects or initiatives to maximize efficiency, effectiveness and outcomes.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

The Health Association and the UBCM have the following mutual objectives:

- Recognition of the determinants of health and the range of initiatives which contribute to improved health;
- Promoting understanding of the interests of health authorities and local governments in a province-wide context;
- Discussing aspects of the legislative, regulatory and fiscal setting as they reflect the interests of communities; and
- Providing notice of actions to achieve changes in provincial policy and regulations that might affect the interests of the other Party.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The Health Association and the UBCM agree to establish joint working groups or other mechanisms to further the objectives stated in this agreement. The joint working groups and parent organizations will meet from time to time to review joint initiatives and projects, as well as to ensure general progress on goals and objectives.

TERM OF THE PROTOCOL:

The Parties may agree to amend or terminate this Protocol at any time. The term of this Protocol shall be two years from the date of signing unless otherwise amended.