

2020 NCLGA Resolutions Roundtable Session

Wednesday September 30
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Details:

Join peers from NCLGA member communities for a session on working towards more equitable access to health care services in rural and remote communities in north-central BC. Over the past two years, members submitted a dozen resolutions on the theme of health care. The resolutions illustrate gaps in certain critical health services in rural communities, the isolation of rural communities from regional health services, and the need for greater coordination to provide more local services.

The resolutions highlighted a number of specific concerns, which include but are not limited to:

- challenges in accessing mental health services due to limited services and facilities in major mental health service centres in rural BC
- limited non-emergency medical transportation and hospital heli-pads in rural areas
- shortage of emergency health services staff and medical specialists in rural towns to support emergency and specialized medical needs
- high costs in delivering services and support programs to address drug addiction in communities

During this session, an NCLGA Board member will further review the main themes and issues related to health care from 2019 and 2020 resolutions. Then three guest speakers will present on existing programs and services or potential new solutions to help address some of the underlying issues from the resolutions. Afterwards, 15-20 minutes will be available for members to present questions to speakers.